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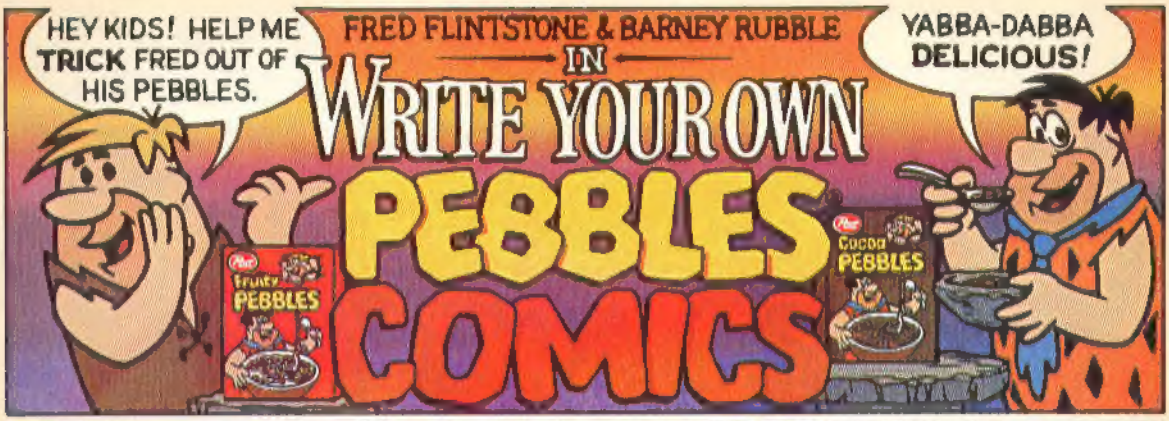

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HEATHCLIFF

IN KNIGHTMARE AT NUTMEG CASTLE!

THERE IT IS...NUTMEG CASTLE, THE HOME OF MY ANCIENT NUTMEG ANCESTORS!

WOW, GRANDPA! DID MY GREAT UNCLE NEWTON REALLY LEAVE YOU THAT WHOLE CASTLE?

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TO NUTMEG CASTLE

HEATHCLIFF! GET AWAY FROM THAT BUZZARD!

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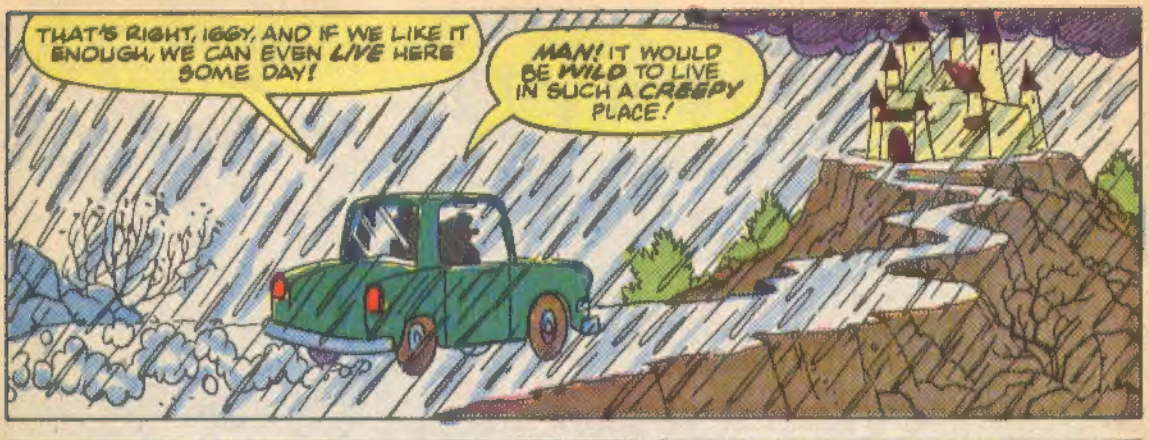
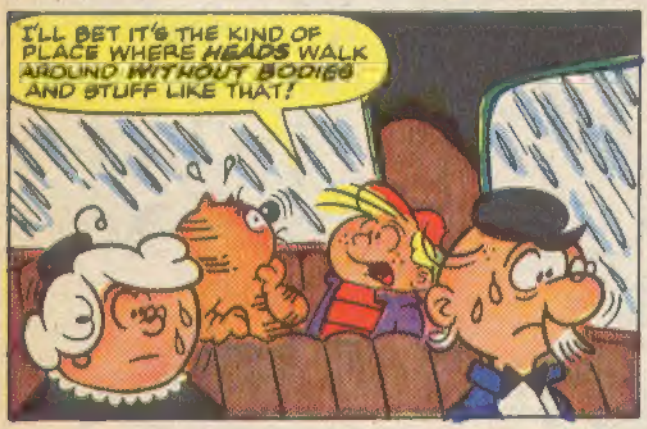
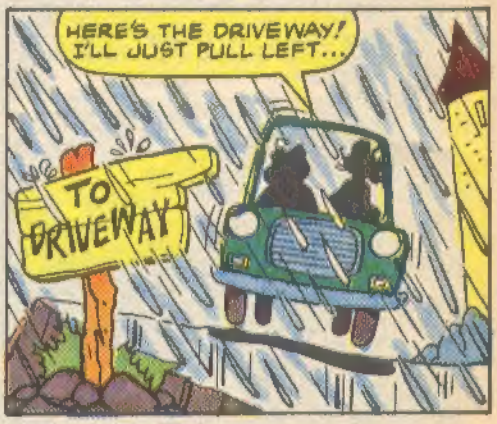
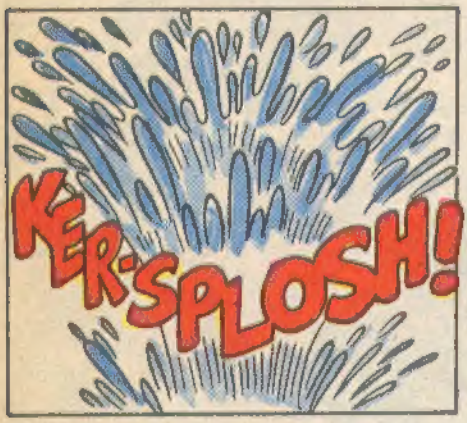

THAT'S RIGHT, IGGY, AND IF WE LIKE IT ENOUGH, WE CAN EVEN LIVE HERE SOME DAY!
MAN! IT WOULD BE WILD TO LIVE IN SUCH A CREEPY PLACE!


I'LL BET IT'S THE KIND OF PLACE WHERE HEADS WALK AROUND WITHOUT BODIES AND STUFF LIKE THAT!

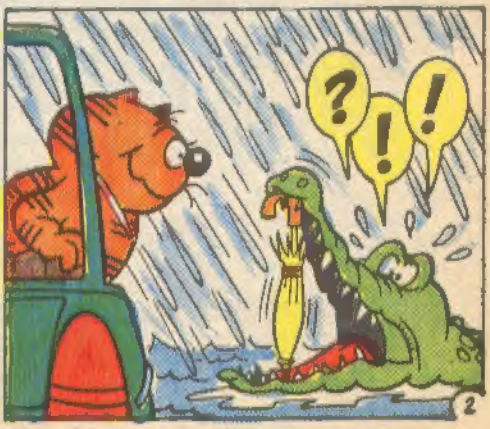

HERE'S THE DRIVEWAY! I'LL JUST PULL LEFT...
TO DRIVEWAY


KER-SPLOSH!

GRANDPA! YOU DROVE INTO THE SWIMMING POOL!
WHOEVER HEARD OF A SWIMMING POOL WITH A C-CROCAGATOR... I MEAN AN ALLIDILE?

GRRR! RUMPH!

SHOVE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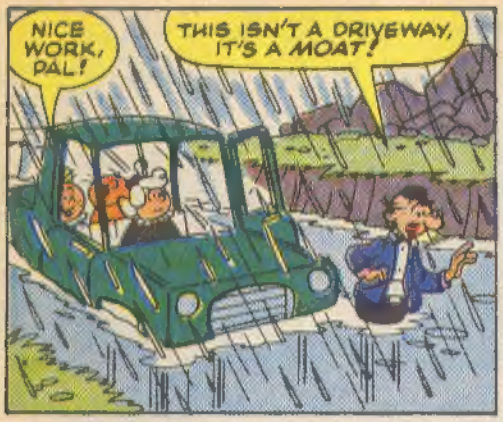
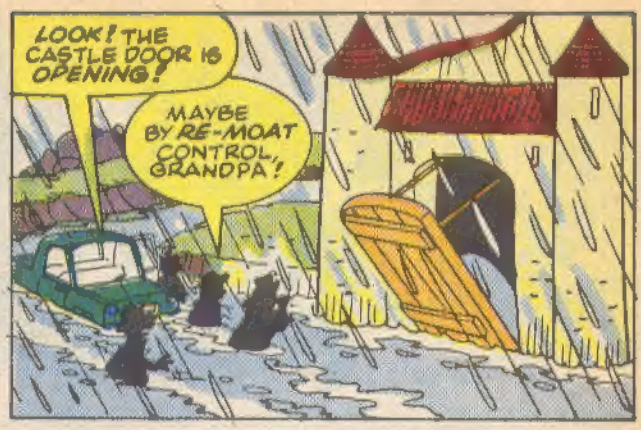
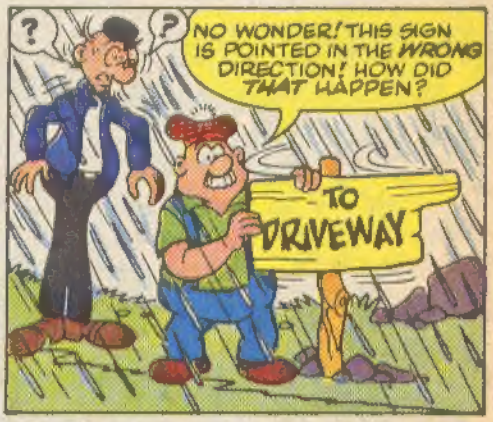

NICE WORK, PAL!
THIS ISN'T A DRIVEWAY, IT'S A MOAT!


LOOK! THE CASTLE DOOR IS OPENING!
MAYBE BY RE-MOAT CONTROL, GRANDPA'!

C'MON! LET'S GET OUT OF THIS WATER!
HEY! WHO'S THAT?!
ANGUS MC CRACKERS, CARETAKER OF NUTMEG CASTLE, AT YOUR SERVICE!

DO YOU ALWAYS SWIM WITH YOUR CLOTHES ON?
WE WEREN'T SWIMMING! WE JUST FOLLOWED THAT DUMB DRIVEWAY SIGN!
TO DRIVEWAY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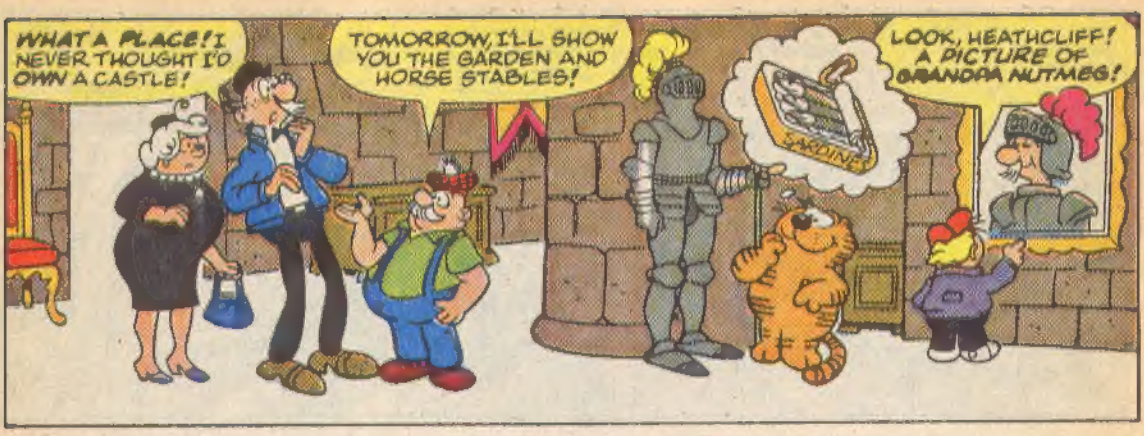
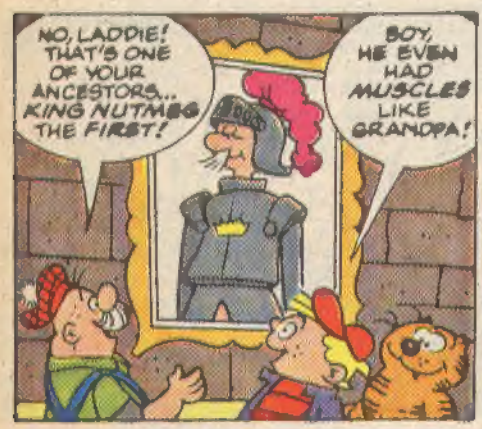
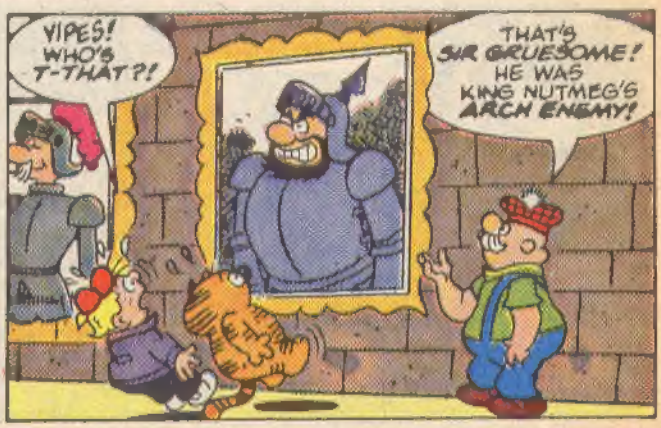
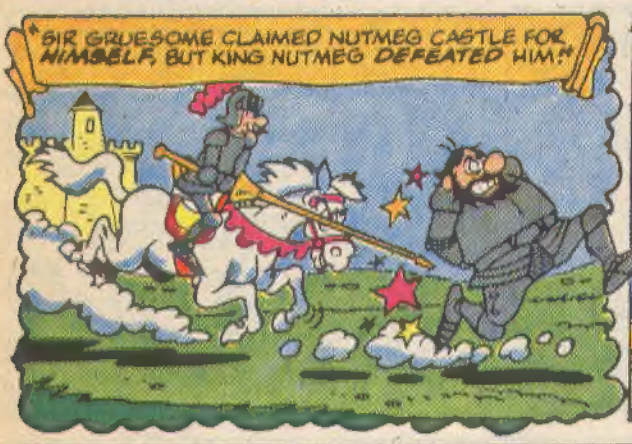
NO WONDER! THIS SIGN IS POINTED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION! HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
TO DRIVEWAY

LET'S GO INTO THE CASTLE AND DRY OFF, MR. NUTMEG!
COME ON, IGGY AND HEATHCLIFF!
I TOLD YOU THIS WAS A CREEPY PLACE, HEATHCLIFF! TRY NOT TO TRIP OVER ANY STRAY HEADS!

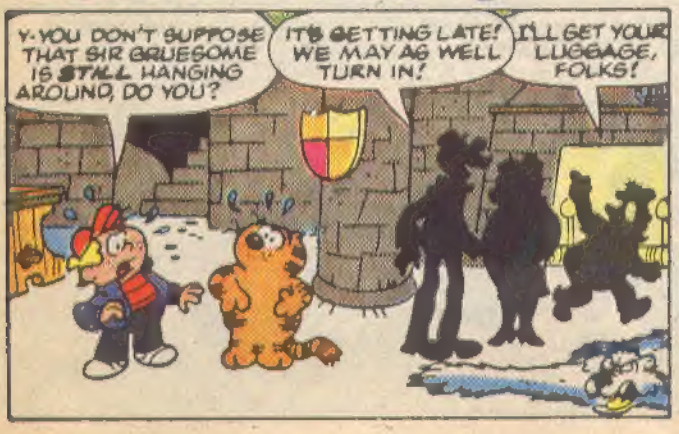

WHAT A PLACE! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D OWN A CASTLE!
TOMORROW, I'LL SHOW YOU THE GARDEN AND HORSE STABLES!
SARDINES
LOOK, HEATHCLIFF! A PICTURE OF GRANDPA NUTMEG!


NO, LADDIE! THAT'S ONE OF YOUR ANCESTORS... KING NUTMEG THE FIRST!
BOY, HE EVEN HAD MUSCLES LIKE GRANDPA!


YIPES! WHO'S T-THAT?!
THAT'S SIR GRUESOME! HE WAS KING NUTMEG'S ARCH ENEMY!


"SIR GRUESOME CLAIMED NUTMEG CASTLE FOR HIMSELF, BUT KING NUTMEG DEFEATED HIM."

SIR GRUESOME SWORE TO RETURN SOMEDAY AND SEEK REVENGE ON THE NUTMEGS!


Y-YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THAT SIR GRUESOME IS STILL HANGING AROUND, DO YOU?
IT'S GETTING LATE! WE MAY AG WELL TURN IN!
I'LL GET YOUR LUGGAGE, FOLKS!

YOU TWO WILL BE HAPPY TO KNOW WE'RE SPENDING THE NIGHT!
UH... YEAH, SURE... GRAMPS!

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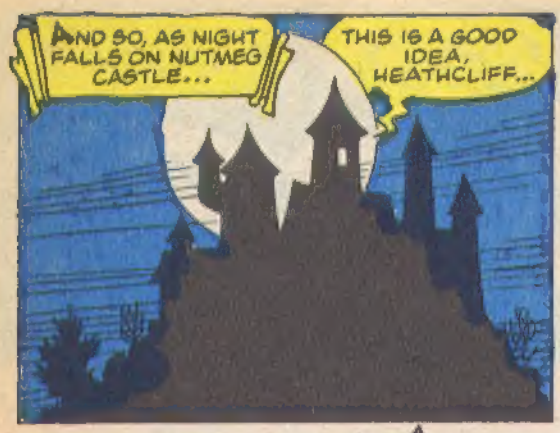
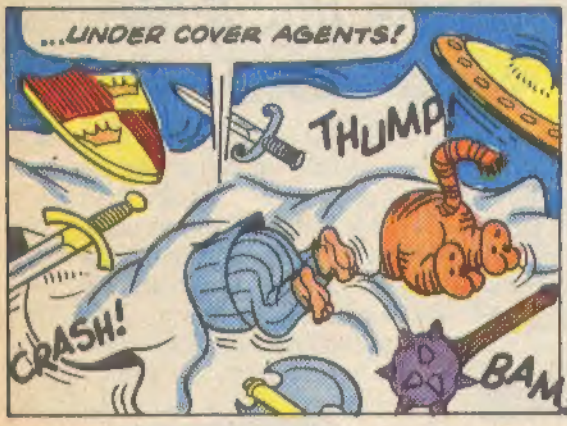
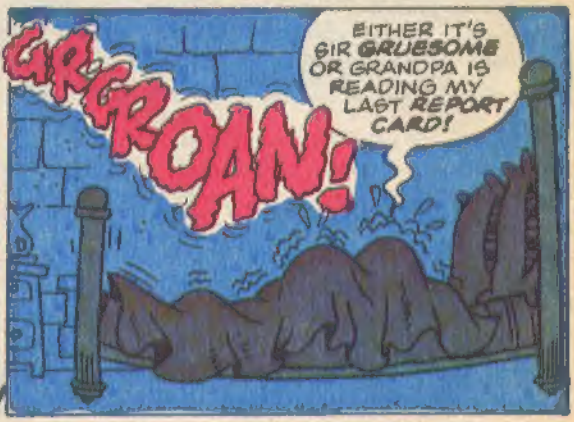

AND SO, AS NIGHT FALLS ON NUTMEG CASTLE...
THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, HEATHCLIFF...

...KEEPING A FEW OF THESE OLD WEAPONS HANDY...IN CASE SIR GRUESOME SHOWS UP!

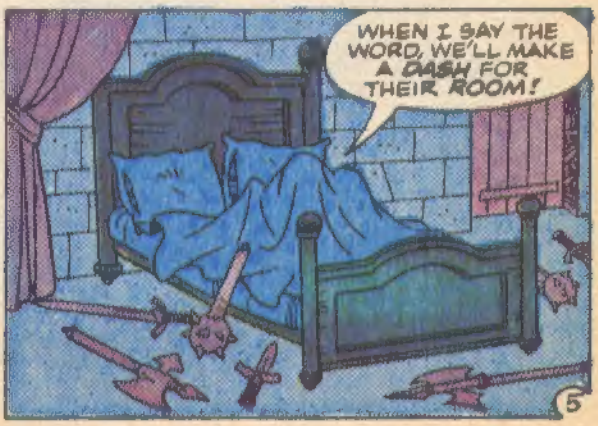
WE'LL SHOW HIM, EH, HEATHCLIFF!? I BETCHA WE'D MAKE A COUPLE OF...

CLANK!
CLANK!
CLANK!
...GREAT...


...UNDER COVER AGENTS!
THUMP!
CRASH!
BAM!


GRGROAN!
EITHER IT'S SIR GRUESOME OR GRANDPA IS READING MY LAST REPORT CARD!

WAIT! SUPPOSE SIR GRUESOME IS AFTER GRANDMA AND GRANDPA?


WHEN I SAY THE WORD, WE'LL MAKE A DASH FOR THEIR ROOM!

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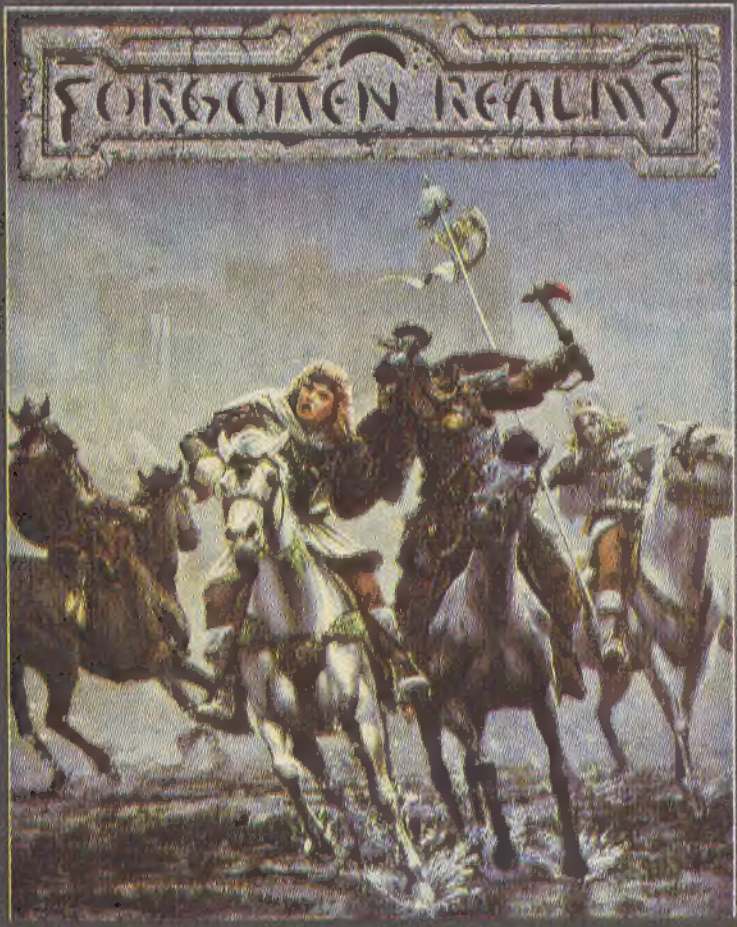
ON THE 3,651st DAY, WE RESTED



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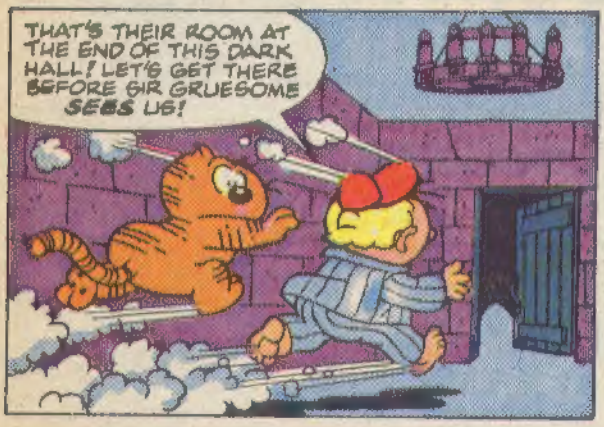
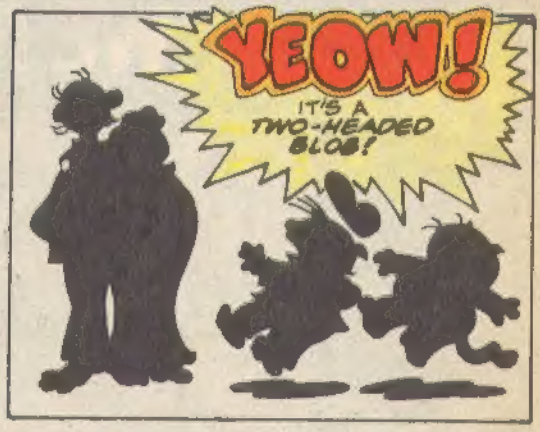
GET READY... GET SET...

OW!
SKOWE!

DON'T BE A WISE GUY, HEATHCLIFF! YOU'RE COMING, TOO!
MMMF!

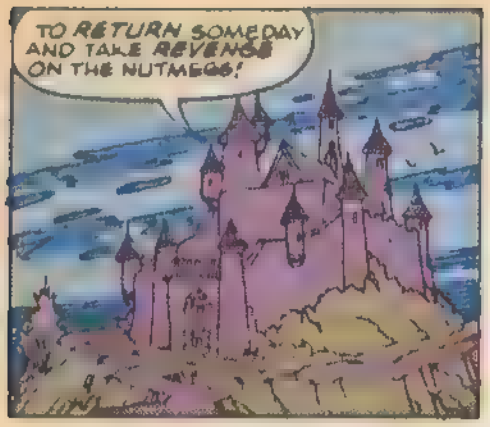

THAT'S THEIR ROOM AT THE END OF THIS DARK HALL! LET'S GET THERE BEFORE SIR GRUESOME SEES US!

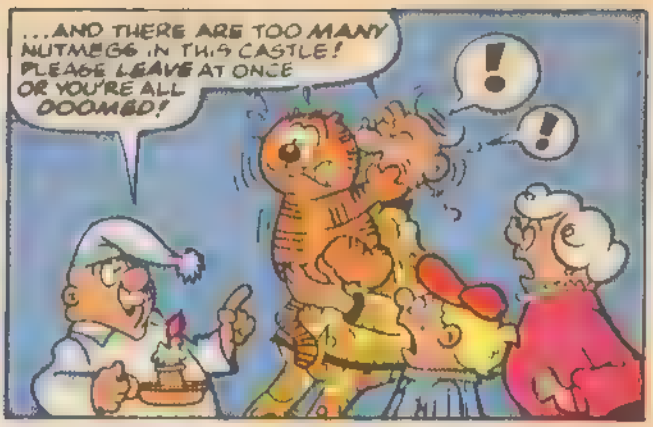

YEOW!
IT'S A TWO-HEADED BLOB!

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS?
WAIT A SECOND, WHILE I LIGHT A CANDLE, IGGY!
COME DOWN FROM THERE, HEATHCLIFF! IT'S ONLY GRANDMA AND GRANDPA!

WHO MADE THAT TERRIBLE NOISE!
WE'D BETTER HIDE, GRANDPA! SIR GRUESOME IS AFTER US!

DON'T BE SILLY... IGGY...
OOOF!
HEED WHAT THE LAD SAYS! REMEMBER SIR GRUESOME'S PROMISE!


TO RETURN SOMEDAY AND TAKE REVENGE ON THE NUTMEGS!


...AND THERE ARE TOO MANY NUTMEGS IN THIS CASTLE! PLEASE LEAVE AT ONCE OR YOU'RE ALL DOOMED!
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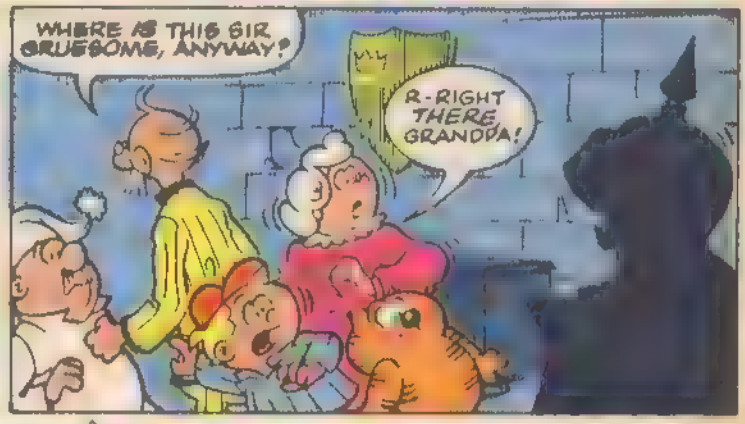
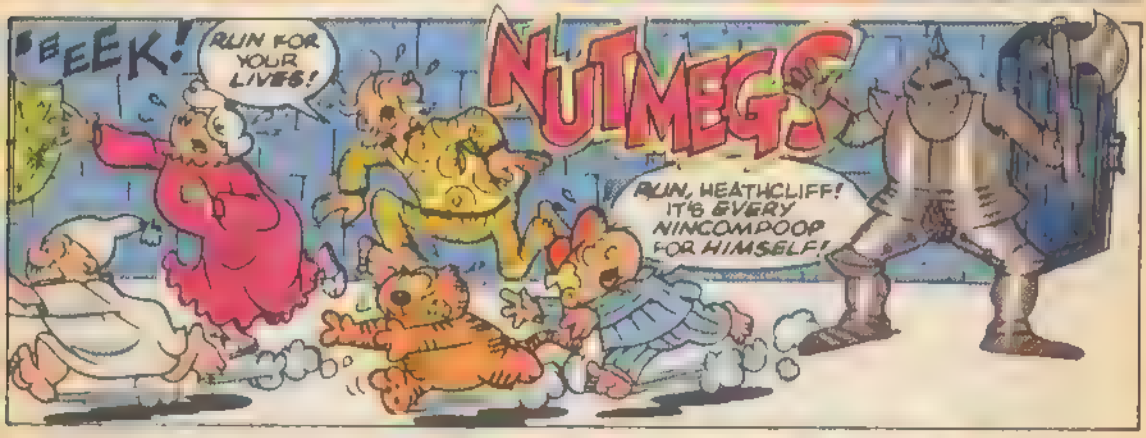
ONLY A NINCOMPOOP WOULD BELIEVE SUCH A STORY!


WHERE IS THIS SIR GRUESOME, ANYWAY?
R-RIGHT THERE GRANDPA!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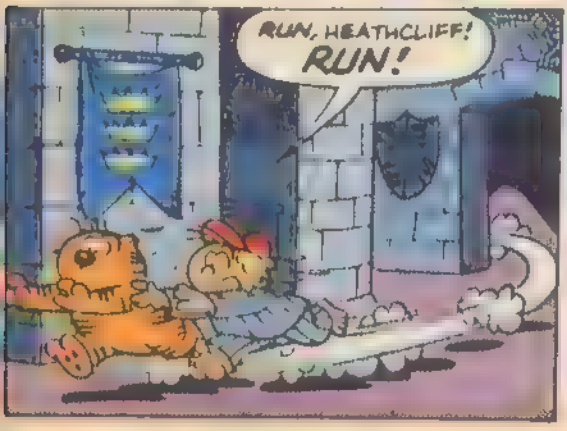
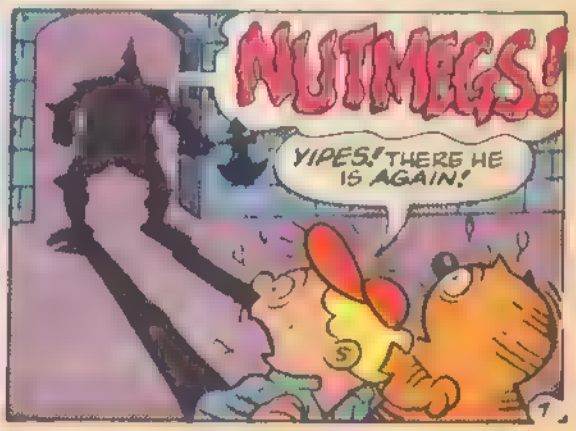
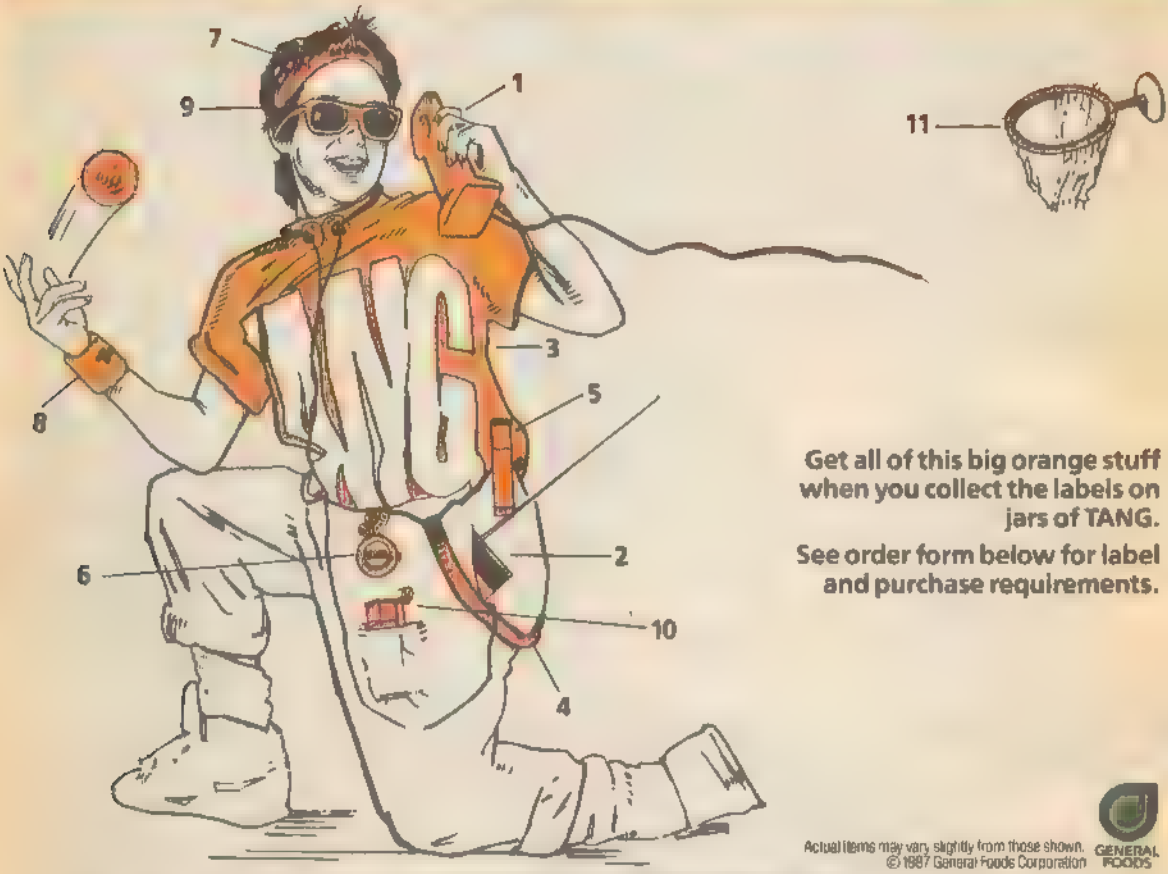
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
NUTMEGS!
RUN, HEATHCLIFF! IT'S EVERY NINCOMPOOP FOR HIMSELF!


RUN, HEATHCLIFF! RUN!


NUTMEGS!
YIPES! THERE HE IS AGAIN!

Be a Big-Orange-Big-Shot with TANG

BREAKFAST BEVERAGE CRYSTALS



Get all of this big orange stuff when you collect the labels on jars of TANG.

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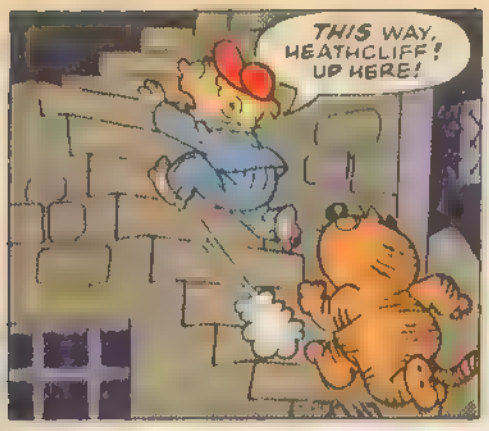
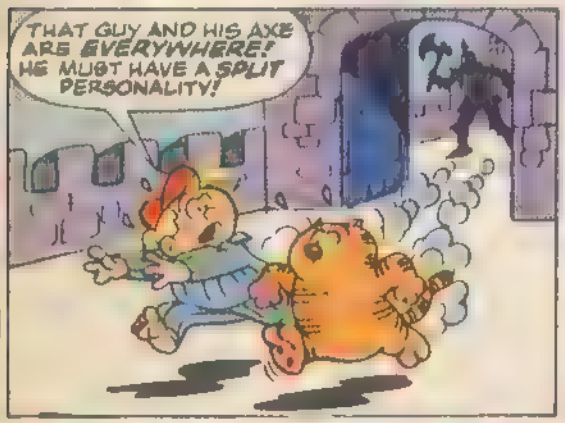

THIS WAY, HEATHCLIFF! UP HERE!

OH, NO!
NUTMEGS!


THAT GUY AND HIS AXE ARE EVERYWHERE! HE MUST HAVE A SPLIT PERSONALITY!

NUTMEGS!
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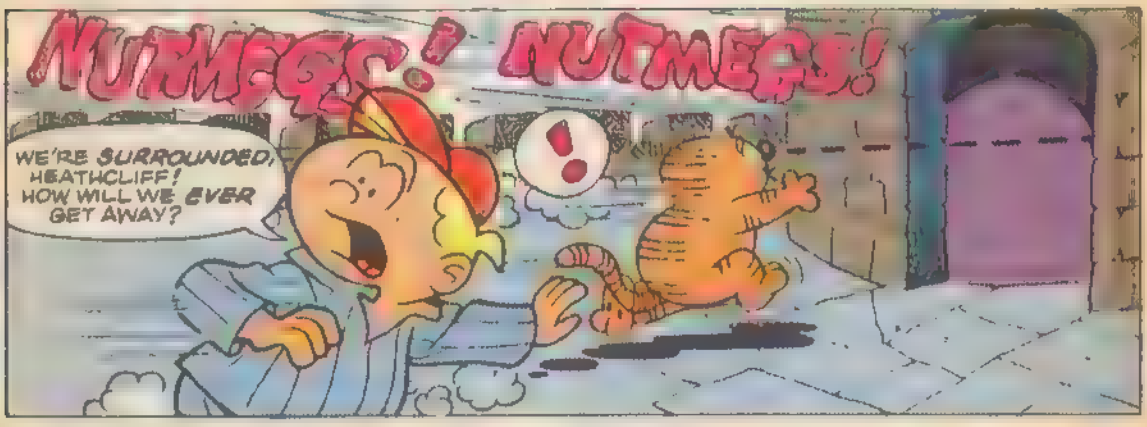
NUTMEGS! NUTMEGS!
WE'RE SURROUNDED, HEATHCLIFF! HOW WILL WE EVER GET AWAY?
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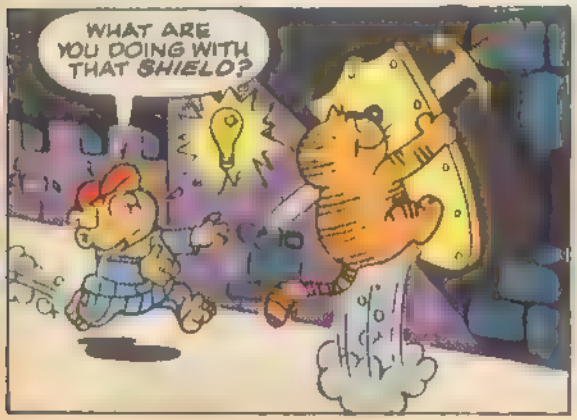
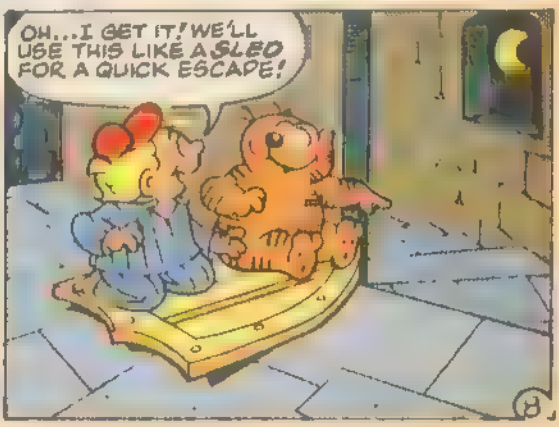

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT SHIELD?


OH...I GET IT! WE'LL USE THIS LIKE A SLED FOR A QUICK ESCAPE!

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YAHOO!
ZIP!
HA HA! SIR GRUESOME WILL NEVER CATCH US NOW!
NUTMEGS!
YEOW! LOOK OUT!
KRASH!
W-WE HIT HIM SO HARD HE WENT ALL TO PIECES!
YIPE! AND THERE'S HIS HEAD...HEADING THIS WAY!!
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THUMP
NUTMEGS!
OH NO! DON'T PUT YOUR HAND IN THERE, HEATHCLIFF!
NUTMEGS!
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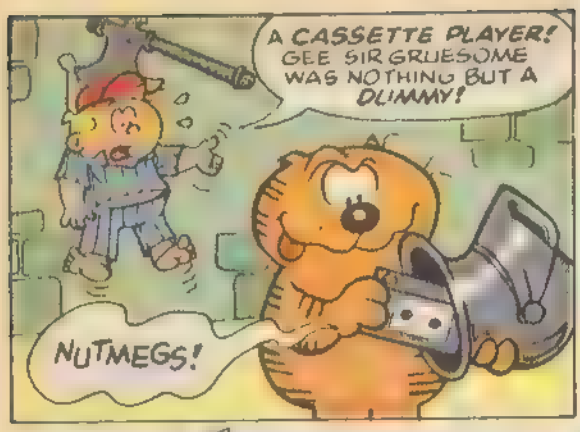
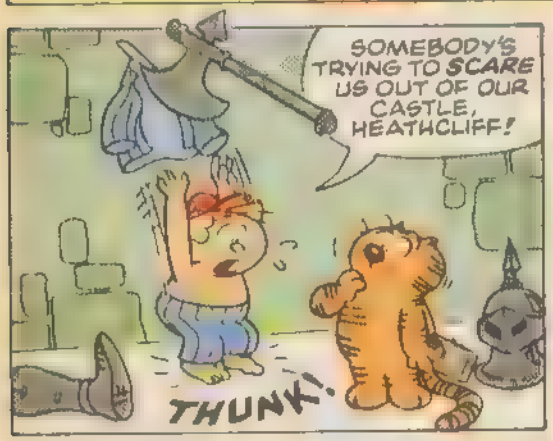
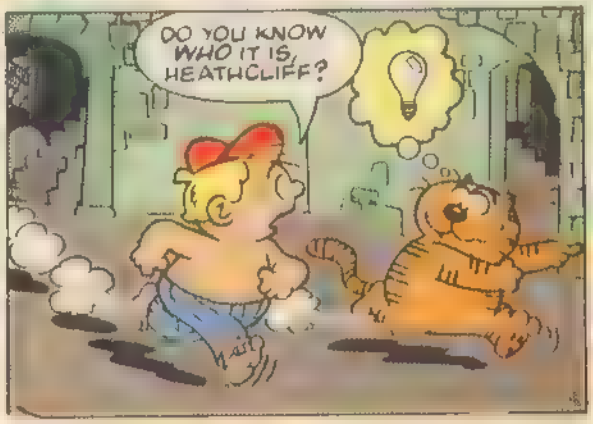
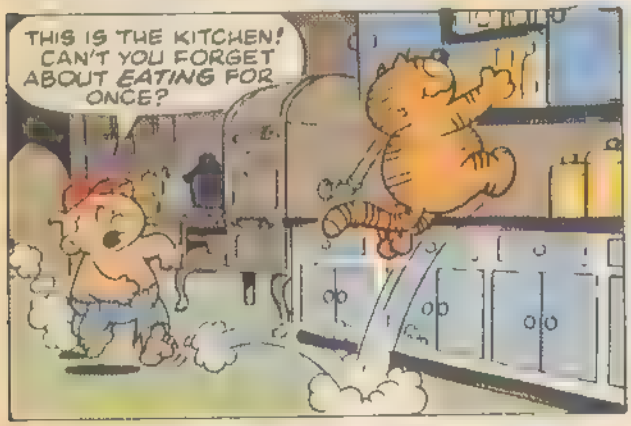

A CASSETTE PLAYER! GEE SIR GRUESOME WAS NOTHING BUT A DUMMY!
NUTMEGS!

I'LL BET ALL THOSE SIR GRUESOMES WERE DUMMIES.. AND SO ARE WE FOR LETTING THEM SCARE US!

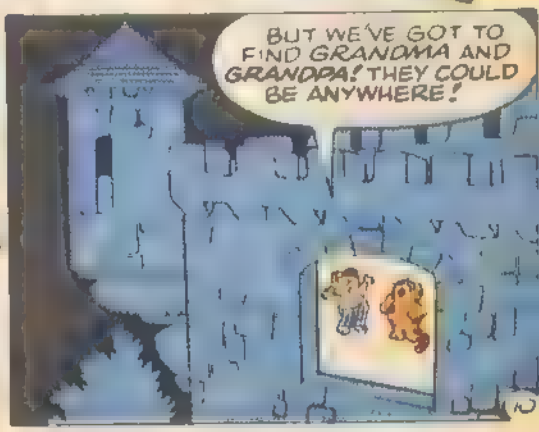

SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO SCARE US OUT OF OUR CASTLE, HEATHCLIFF!
THUNK!


DO YOU KNOW WHO IT IS, HEATHCLIFF?

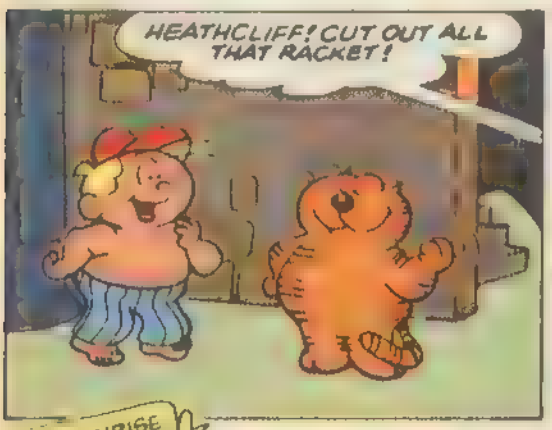

THIS IS THE KITCHEN! CAN'T YOU FORGET ABOUT EATING FOR ONCE?

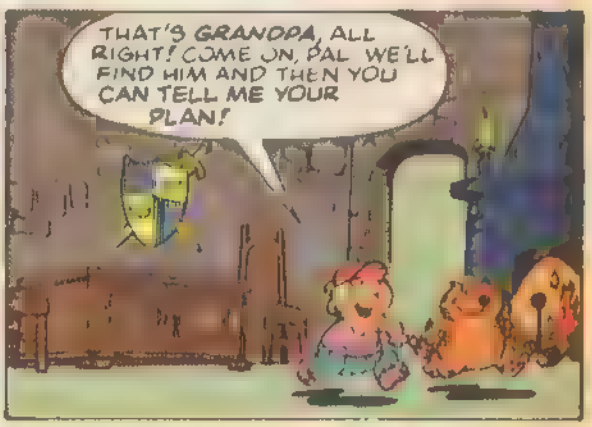
OH, I GET IT! YOU THINK MR. McCRACKERS IS TO BLAME!
CRACKERS

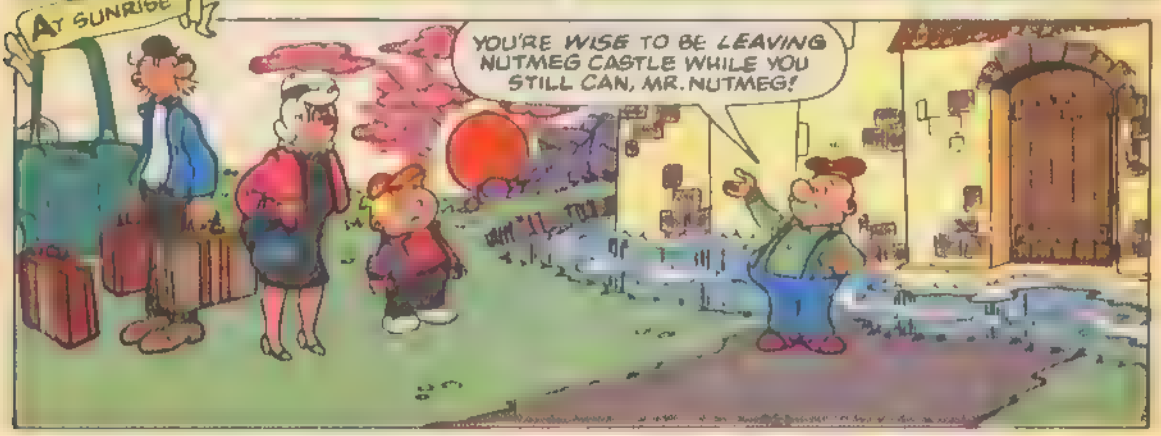
AND YOU RE GOING TO TURN THE TABLES ON HIM!


BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND GRANDMA AND GRANDPA! THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE!

WHAT GOOD WILL SINGING DO?
YOW-WOW-WOW

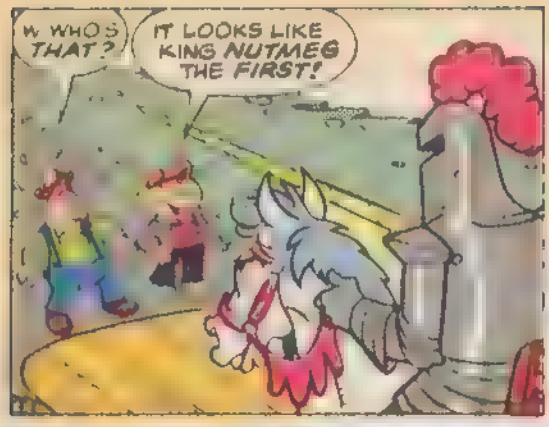

HEATHCLIFF! CUT OUT ALL THAT RACKET!

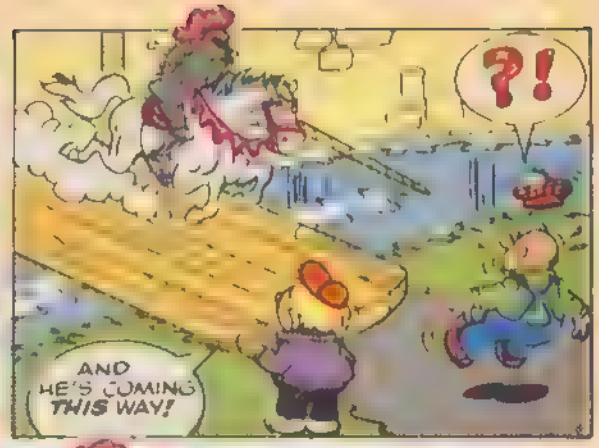

THAT'S GRANDPA, ALL RIGHT! COME ON, PAL WE'LL FIND HIM AND THEN YOU CAN TELL ME YOUR PLAN!


AT SUNRISE
YOU'RE WISE TO BE LEAVING NUTMEG CASTLE WHILE YOU STILL CAN, MR. NUTMEG!

YOU BET WE'RE LEAVING THIS SCREWY PLACE!
WHERE'S HEATHCLIFF, IGGY?
HE'S AROUND SOMEWHERE, GRANDMA!

HEY! WHO'S OPENING THE DRAWBRIDGE??
CREEEEAK!


WHO'S THAT?
IT LOOKS LIKE KING NUTMEG THE FIRST!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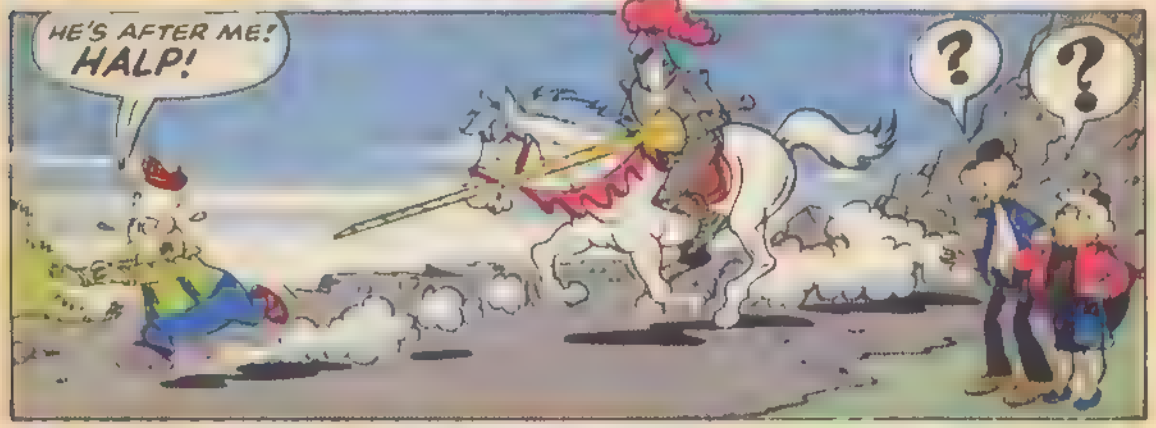
AND HE'S COMING THIS WAY!


HE'S AFTER ME! HALP!
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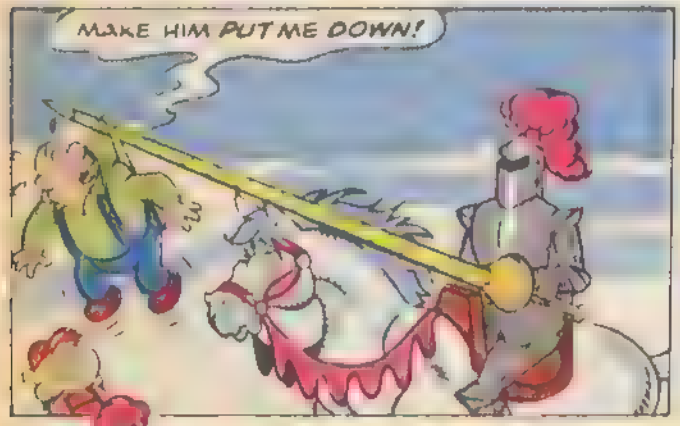
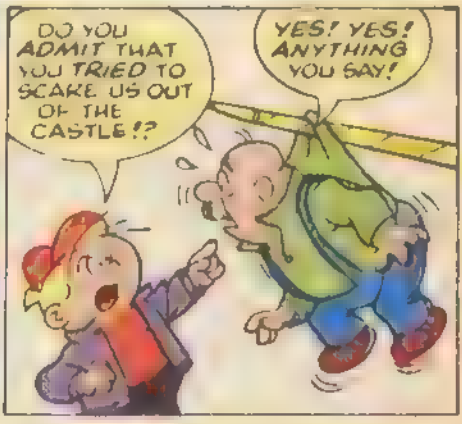
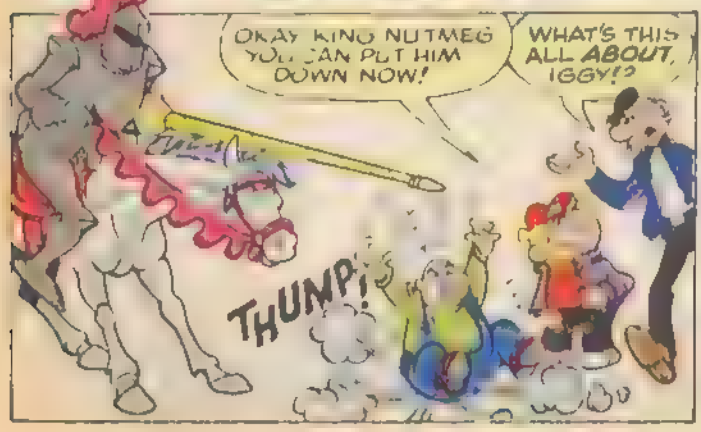
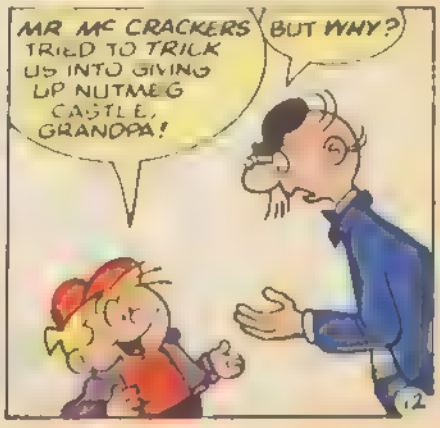
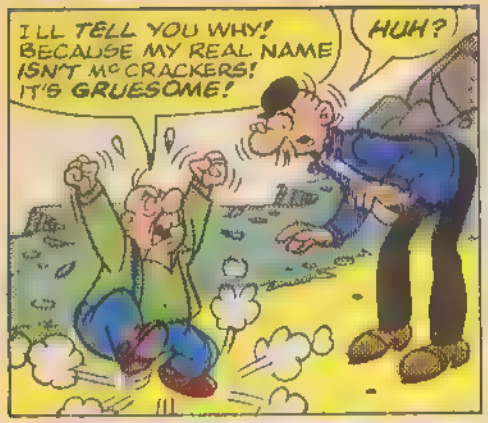
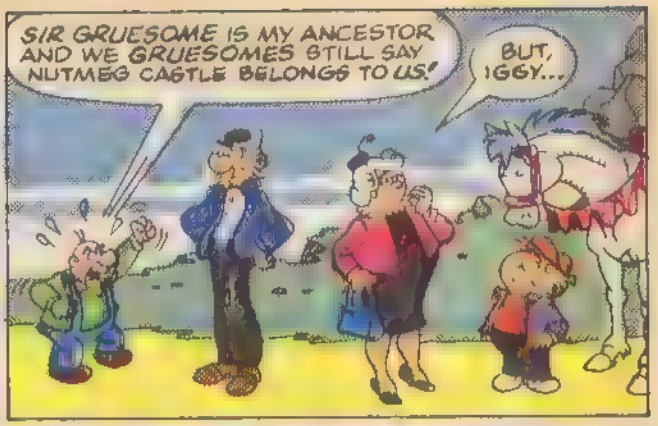

MAKE HIM PUT ME DOWN!

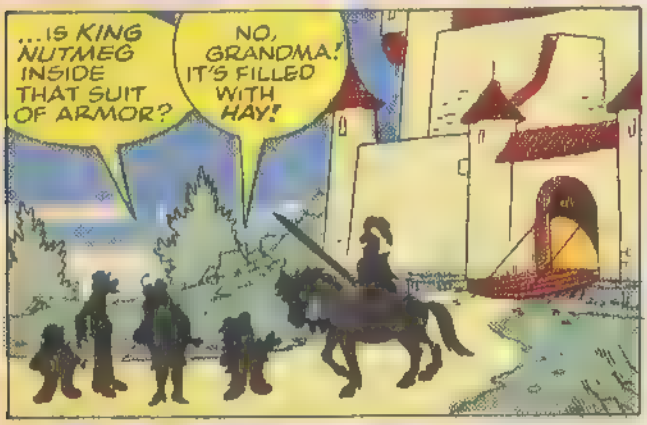

DO YOU ADMIT THAT YOU TRIED TO SCARE US OUT OF THE CASTLE!?
YES! YES! ANYTHING YOU SAY!

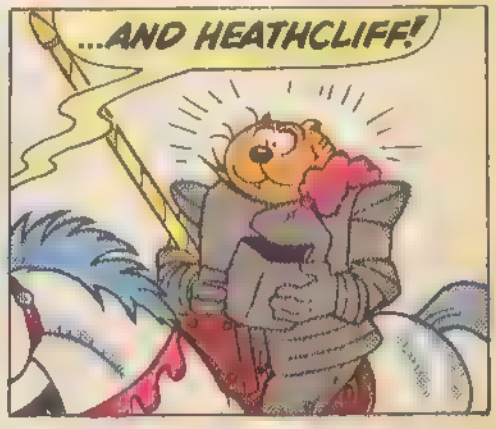

OKAY KING NUTMEG YOU CAN PUT HIM DOWN NOW!
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, IGGY!?
THUMP!

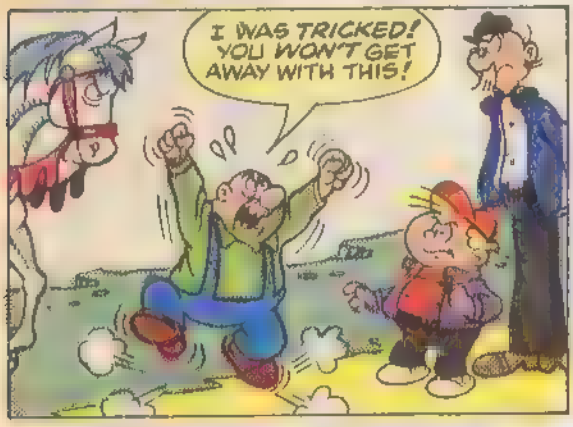

MR MC CRACKERS TRIED TO TRICK US INTO GIVING UP NUTMEG CASTLE, GRANDPA!
BUT WHY?

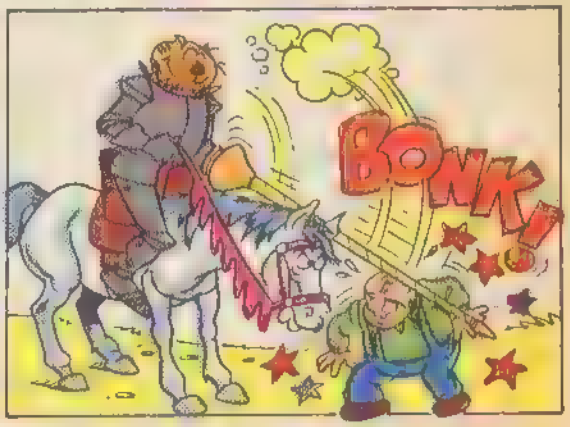

I'LL TELL YOU WHY! BECAUSE MY REAL NAME ISN'T McCRACKERS! IT'S GRUESOME!
HUH?

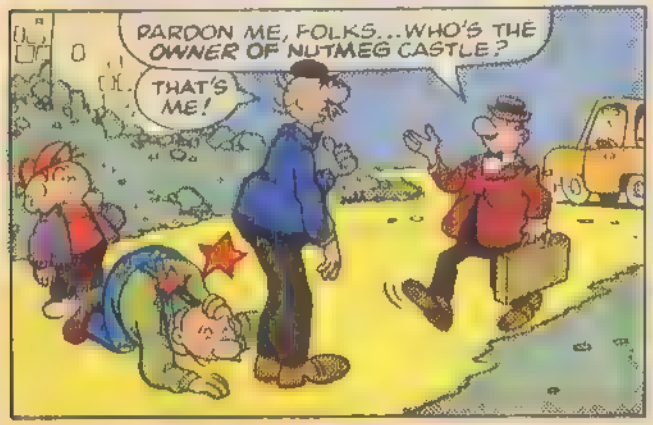

SIR GRUESOME IS MY ANCESTOR AND WE GRUESOMES STILL SAY NUTMEG CASTLE BELONGS TO US!
BUT, IGGY...

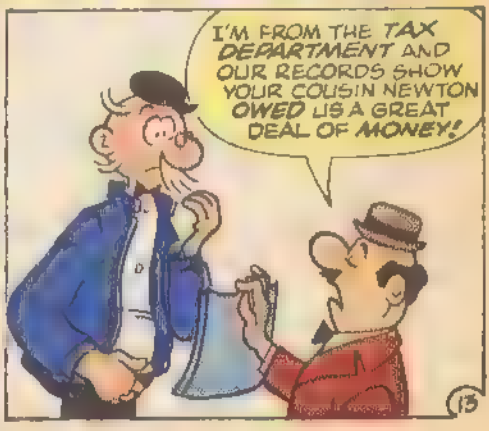

...IS KING NUTMEG INSIDE THAT SUIT OF ARMOR?
NO, GRANDMA! IT'S FILLED WITH HAY!

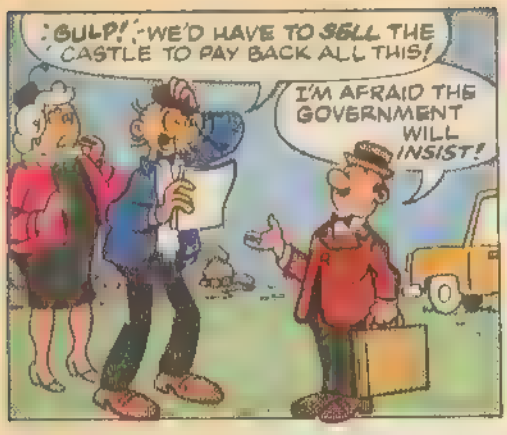

...AND HEATHCLIFF!

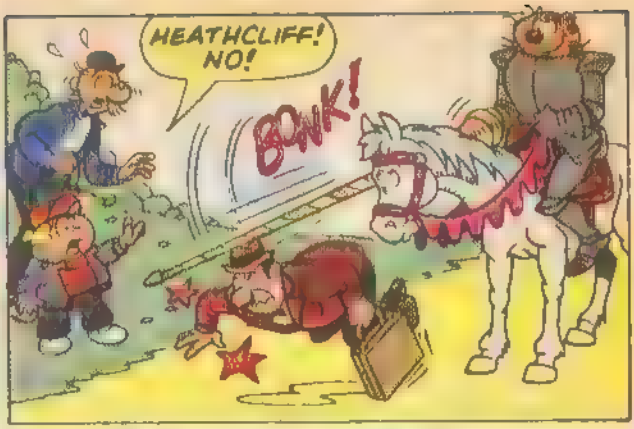

I WAS TRICKED! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

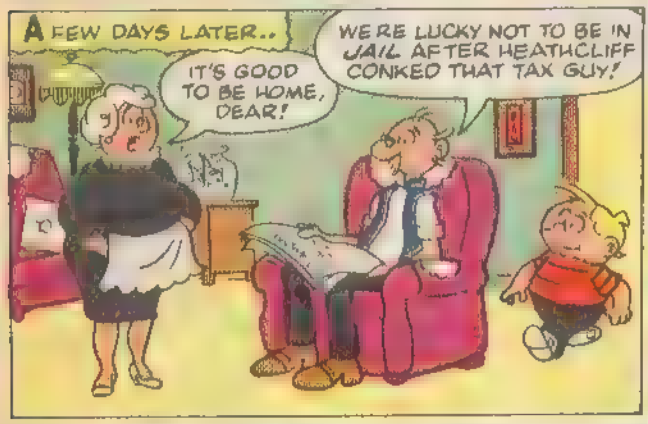

BONK!

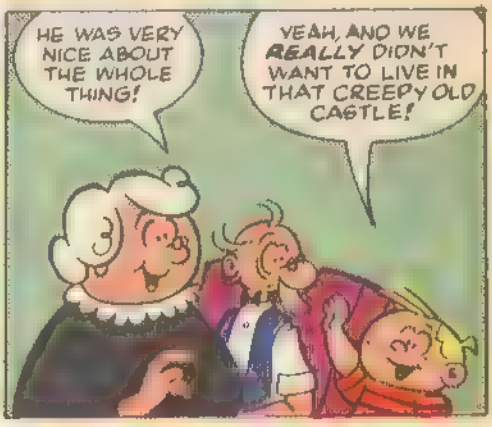

PARDON ME, FOLKS...WHO'S THE OWNER OF NUTMEG CASTLE?
THAT'S ME!

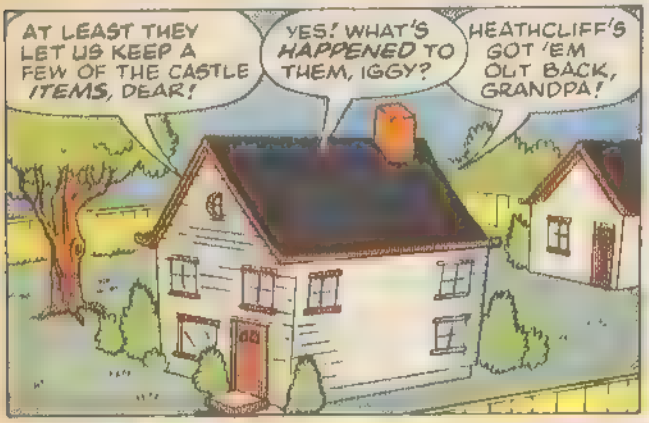

I'M FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT AND OUR RECORDS SHOW YOUR COUSIN NEWTON OWED US A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY!

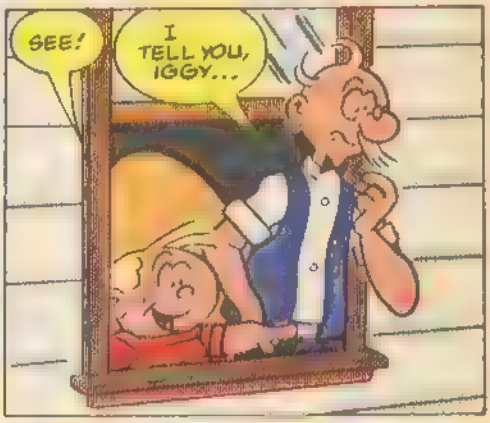

GULP! WE'D HAVE TO SELL THE CASTLE TO PAY BACK ALL THIS!
I'M AFRAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL INSIST!

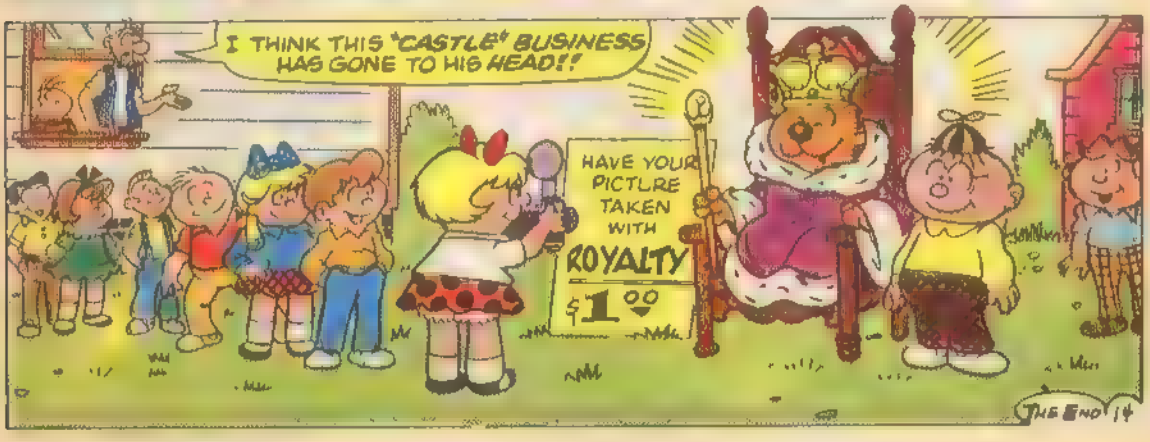

HEATHCLIFF! NO!
BONK!


A FEW DAYS LATER..
IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME, DEAR!
WE'RE LUCKY NOT TO BE IN JAIL AFTER HEATHCLIFF CONKED THAT TAX GUY!


HE WAS VERY NICE ABOUT THE WHOLE THING!
YEAH, AND WE REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE IN THAT CREEPY OLD CASTLE!


AT LEAST THEY LET US KEEP A FEW OF THE CASTLE ITEMS, DEAR!
YES! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM, IGGY?
HEATHCLIFF'S GOT 'EM OUT BACK, GRANDPA!


SEE!
I TELL YOU, IGGY...

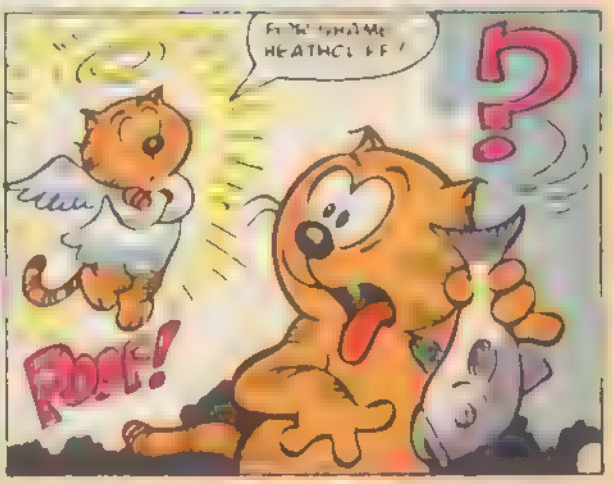

I THINK THIS "CASTLE" BUSINESS HAS GONE TO HIS HEAD!!
HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH ROYALTY
$1.00
THE END

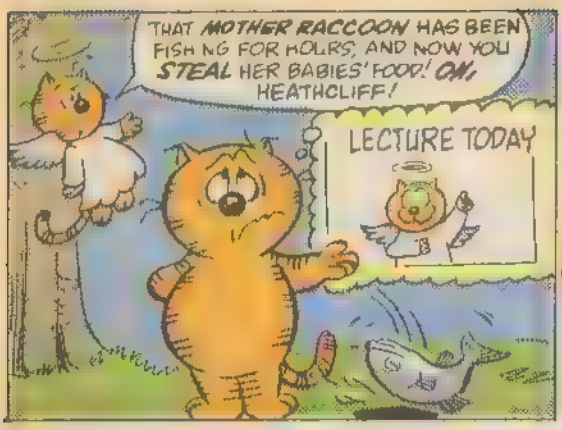
HEATHCLIFF

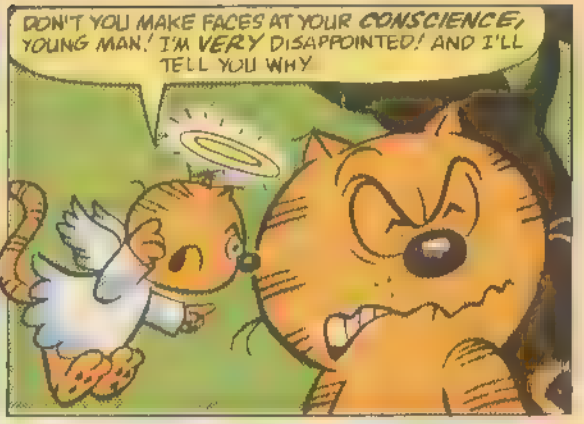
STREAM OF CONSCIENCE

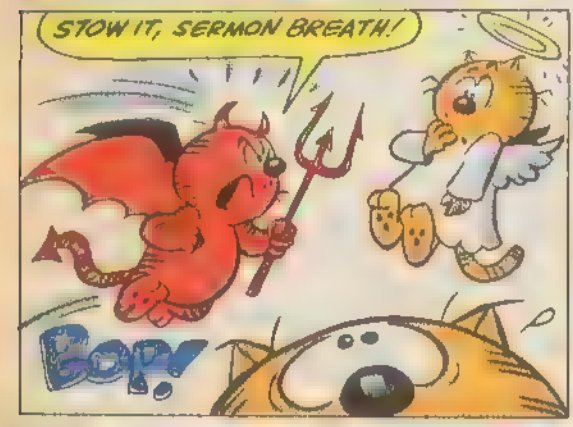
EEYOWRR!

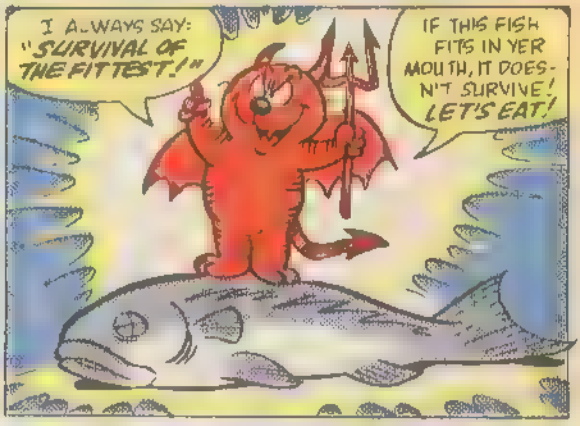
GALLAGHER POST LEON

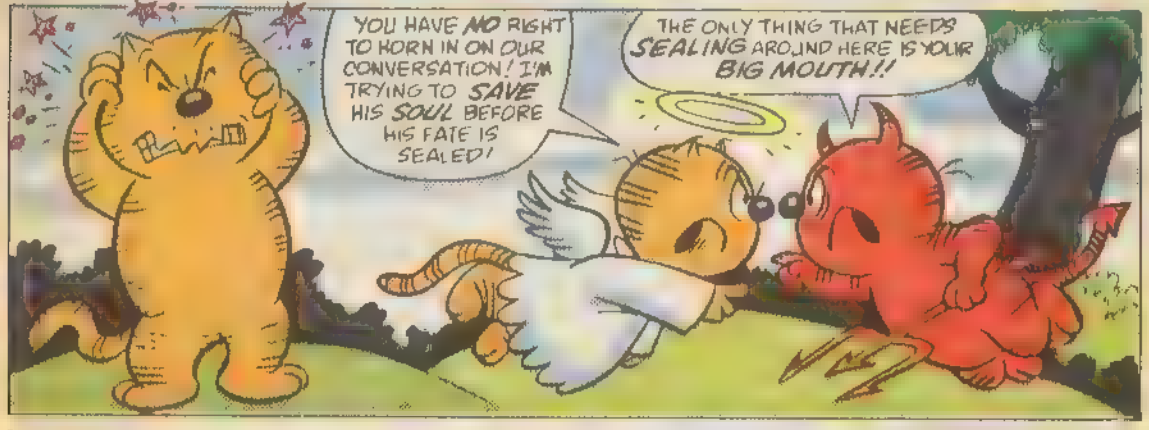


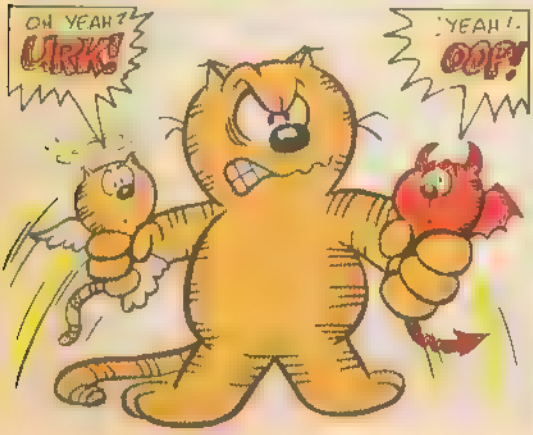

THAT MOTHER RACCOON HAS BEEN FISHING FOR HOURS, AND NOW YOU STEAL HER BABIES' FOOD! OH, HEATHCLIFF!
LECTURE TODAY

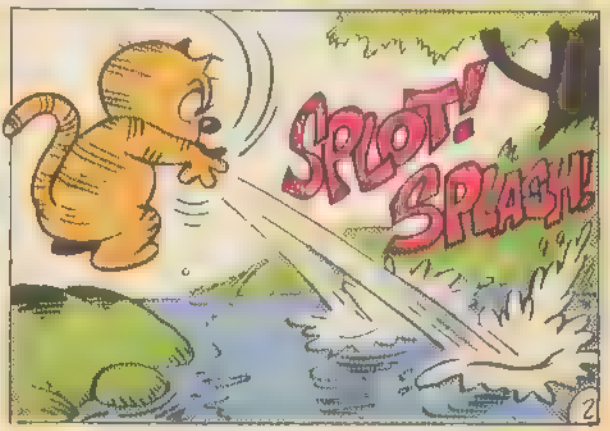

DON'T YOU MAKE FACES AT YOUR CONSCIENCE, YOUNG MAN! I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED! AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY


STOW IT, SERMON BREATH!
BOP!


I ALWAYS SAY: "SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!"
IF THIS FISH FITS IN YER MOUTH, IT DOESN'T SURVIVE! LET'S EAT!


YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO HORN IN ON OUR CONVERSATION! I'M TRYING TO SAVE HIS SOUL BEFORE HIS FATE IS SEALED!
THE ONLY THING THAT NEEDS SEALING AROUND HERE IS YOUR BIG MOUTH!!


OH YEAH?
URK!
YEAH!
OOF!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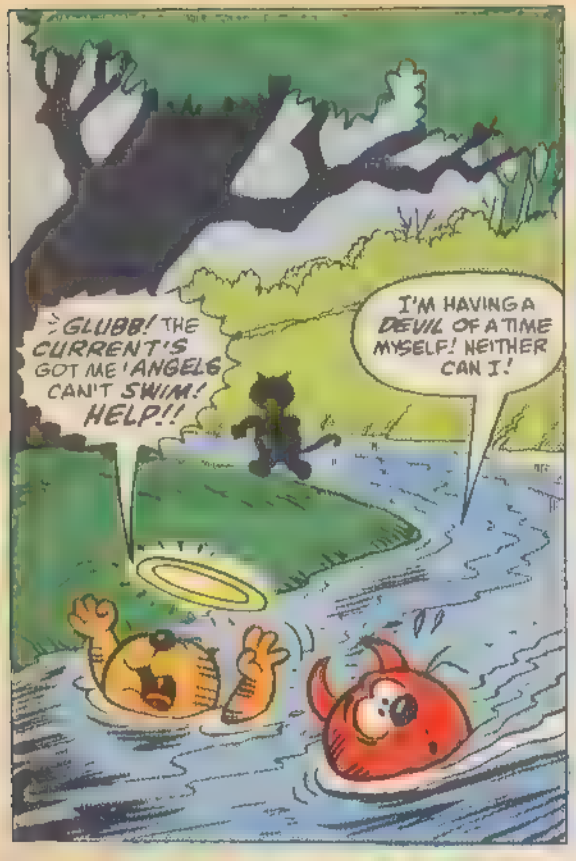
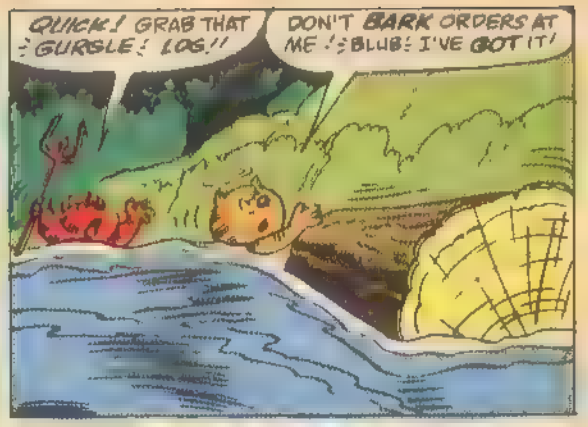
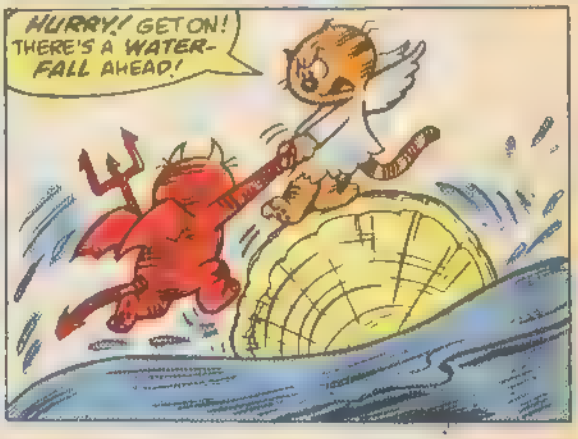
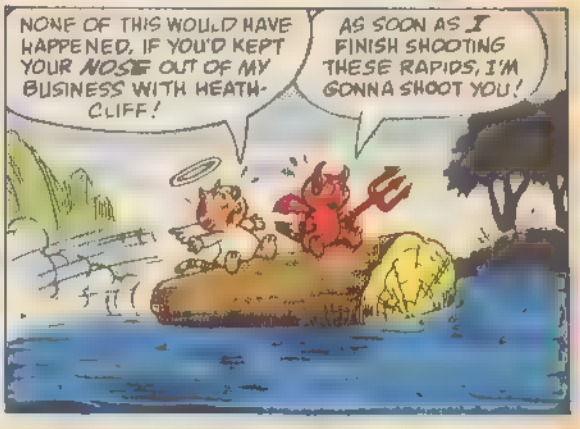
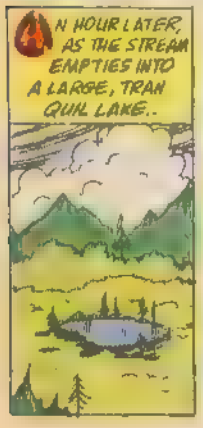

GLUBB! THE CURRENT'S GOT ME! ANGELS CAN'T SWIM! HELP!!
I'M HAVING A DEVIL OF A TIME MYSELF! NEITHER CAN I!

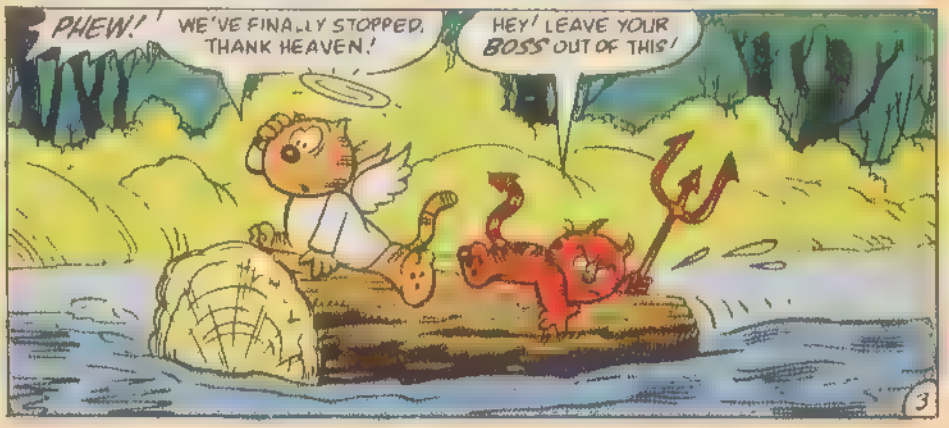

QUICK! GRAB THAT GURGLE! LOG!!
DON'T BARK ORDERS AT ME! BLUB! I'VE GOT IT!


HURRY! GET ON! THERE'S A WATER-FALL AHEAD!

YAAARRH!
AT LEAST WE AGREE ON TH-THAT!


NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED, IF YOU'D KEPT YOUR NOSE OUT OF MY BUSINESS WITH HEATH-CLIFF!
AS SOON AS I FINISH SHOOTING THESE RAPIDS, I'M GONNA SHOOT YOU!


AN HOUR LATER, AS THE STREAM EMPTIES INTO A LARGE, TRAN QUIL LAKE..


PHEW!
WE'VE FINALLY STOPPED, THANK HEAVEN!
HEY! LEAVE YOUR BOSS OUT OF THIS!

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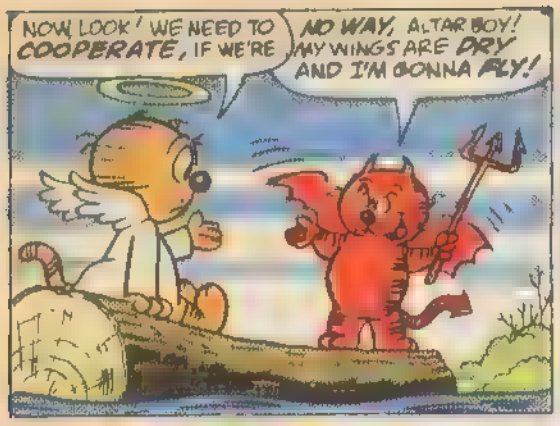
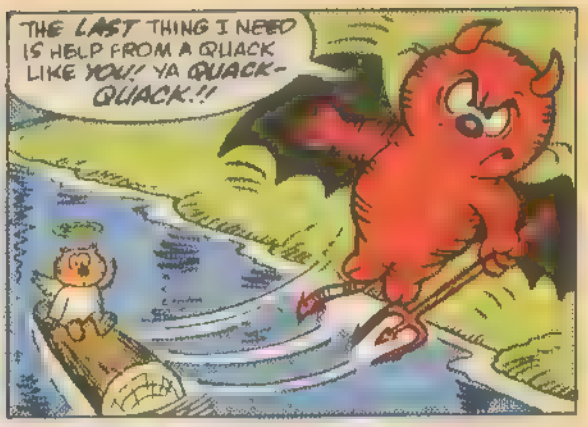

NOW, LOOK! WE NEED TO COOPERATE, IF WE'RE
NO WAY, ALTAR BOY! MY WINGS ARE DRY AND I'M GONNA FLY!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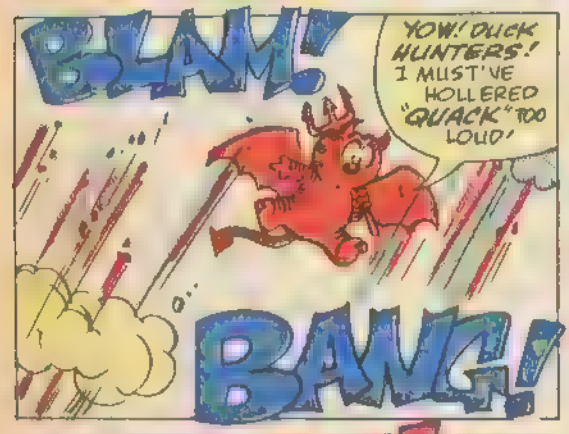
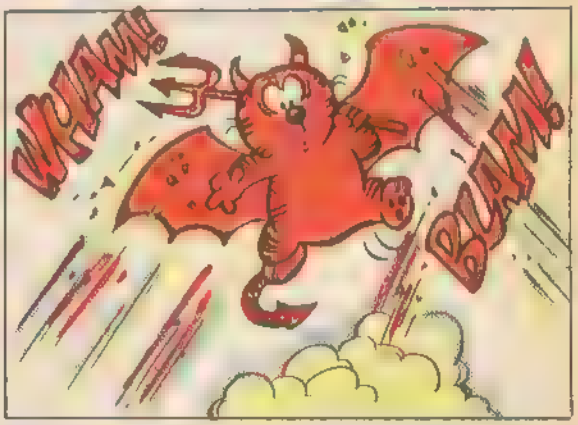

BLAM!
YOW! DUCK HUNTERS! I MUST'VE HOLLERED "QUACK" TOO LOUD!
BANG!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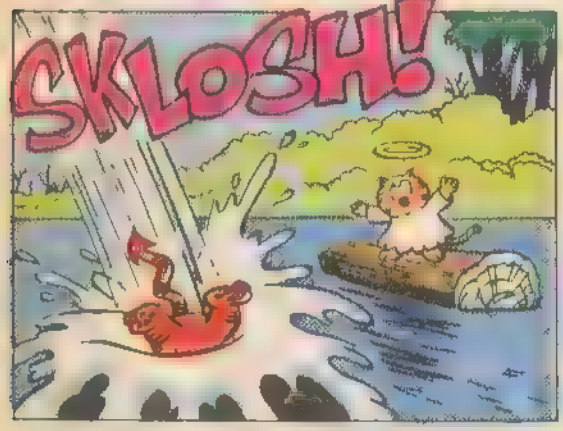
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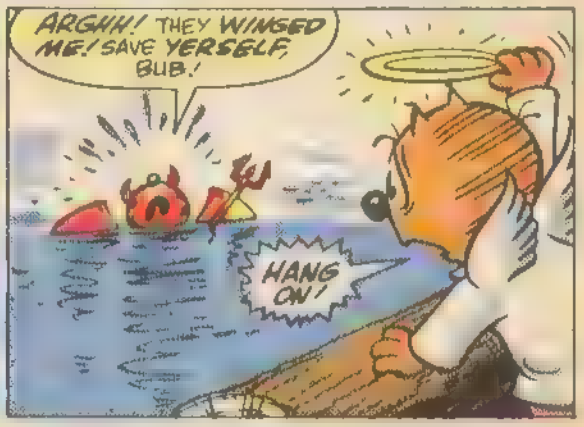
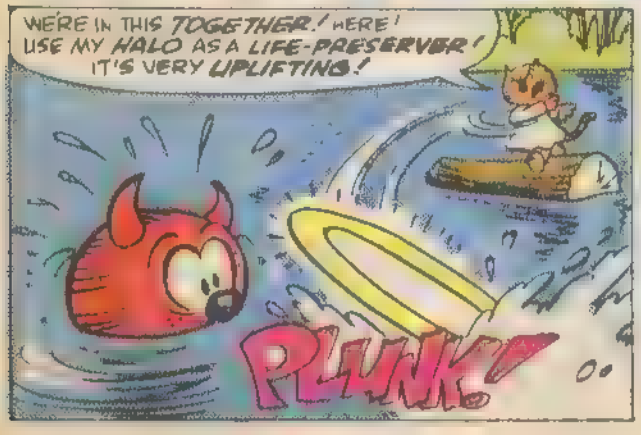
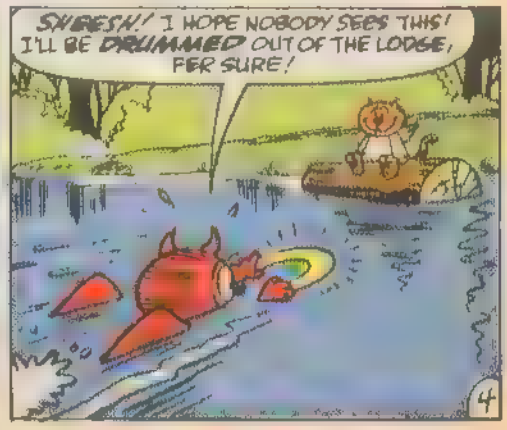

ARGHH! THEY WINGED ME! SAVE YERSELF, BUB!
HANG ON!


WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER! HERE! USE MY HALO AS A LIFE-PRESERVER! IT'S VERY UPLIFTING!
PLUNK!


SHRESH! I HOPE NOBODY SEES THIS! I'LL BE DRUMMED OUT OF THE LODGE, FER SURE!

YA SHOULDA *LEFT* ME, BUB! I WOULD'VE LEFT *YOU!*

THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US BUB!

THEY SURE DID WING YOU GOOD!

YEAH! LET'S GET OFF THIS LAKE -- WE'RE AN EASY TARGET FOR HAWKS, BUZZARDS, FALCONS.

--AND CROWS!!

-- LET'S NOT FORGET US CROWS!!

SWOOP!

HMMM BOY! DEVILED HAM AND ANGEL FOOD CAKE! THAT'S WORTH CROWING ABOUT!

HAW!

TRY *THIS* FOR SIZE, PEATHERBRAIN!

IT'S MY *TRIDENT TRUE* METHOD FOR GETTING OUT OF A JAM!

STIK!

AWK!

HA! HE LET GO!

YOW! MY *BAD WING!* I FORGOT I COULDN'T FLY-Y-Y!

THUD!!

WELL, I'VE STILL GOT *YOU!* AND *YOU'RE* INVITED TO DINNER! AS THE *MAIN COURSE!*

HA! ANYWAY, *I'M FREE!*

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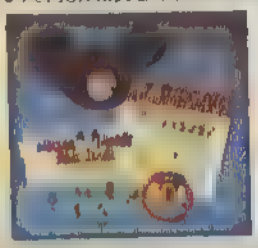

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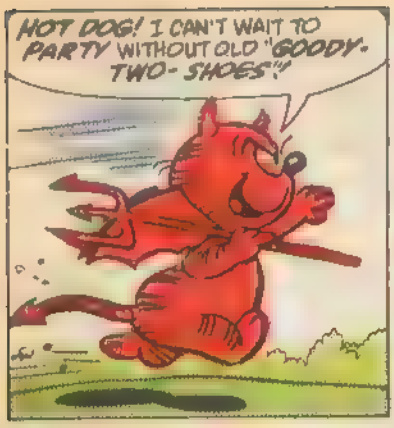
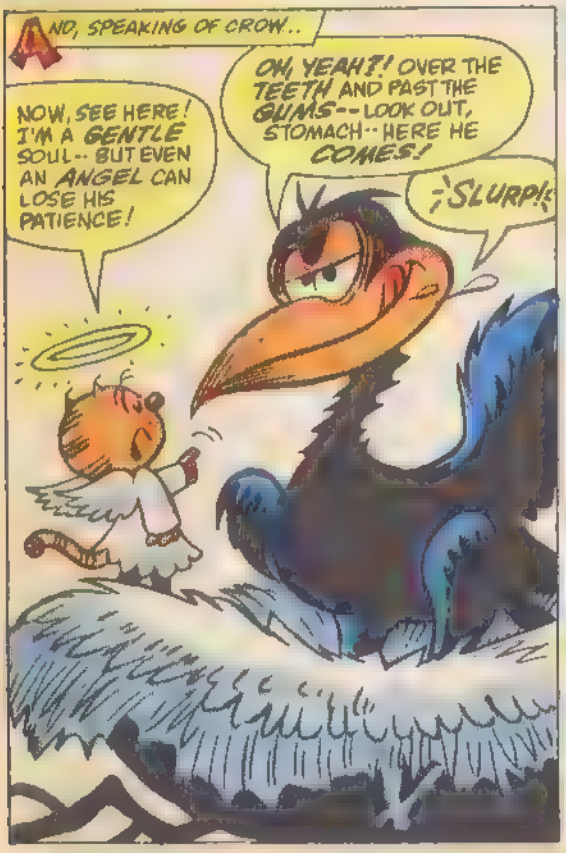
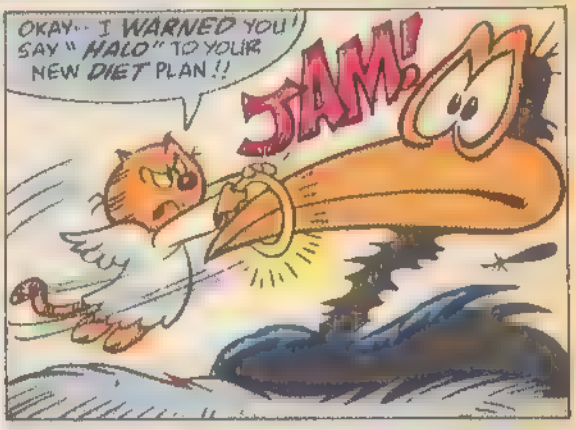

HOT DOG! I CAN'T WAIT TO PARTY WITHOUT OLD "GOODY-TWO-SHOES"!

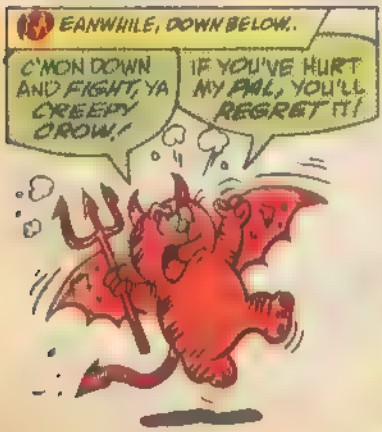
SKID!

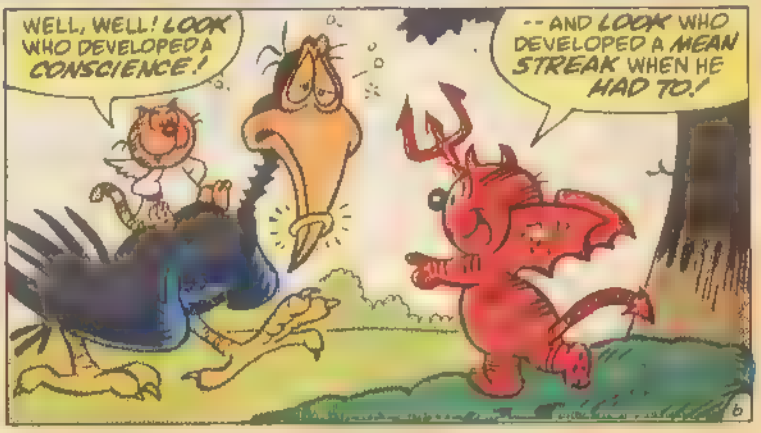
WELL, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!
I'M DOING THIS TO SAVE THE CROW FROM BEING TALKED TO DEATH!


AND, SPEAKING OF CROW..
NOW, SEE HERE! I'M A GENTLE SOUL-- BUT EVEN AN ANGEL CAN LOSE HIS PATIENCE!
OH, YEAH?! OVER THE TEETH AND PAST THE GUMS--LOOK OUT, STOMACH--HERE HE COMES!
SLURP!


OKAY-- I WARNED YOU! SAY "HALO" TO YOUR NEW DIET PLAN!!
JAM!

NOW, THEN... IF YOU EVER WANT TO EAT AGAIN, YOU'LL DO EXACTLY AS I SAY..


MEANWHILE, DOWN BELOW..
C'MON DOWN AND FIGHT, YA CREEPY CROW!
IF YOU'VE HURT MY PAL, YOU'LL REGRET IT!


WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO DEVELOPED A CONSCIENCE!
--AND LOOK WHO DEVELOPED A MEAN STREAK WHEN HE HAD TO!

STAR SIGNALS

MEET SUPER-STAR HOWARD POST

Howard was born too long ago to talk about. Let's put it this way, when he finished painting that bison on his cave wall, he knew that he would grow up to be a cartoonist. He worked for MARVEL in the early 1940's, back when it was called TIMELY COMICS, and bounced Smiling Stan Lee on his knee. (Which accounts for Stan's burn knee!)

Over the years, Howard has drawn westerns, mysteries, adventure stories and humor material for every comic book publisher on the Northeast coast. (The poor guy just couldn't keep a steady job!)

In his spare time, Howard collects other people's art (much to their annoyance), fly fishes, paints, sculpts, and does a few things that are nobody's business but his own. He is currently devoting all of his artistic talents toward STAR COMICS, and his artwork can usually be found within the pages of MADBALLS, HEATHCLIFF and CARE BEARS.

It has been said of Howard that he will do almost anything for money. That's a lie! There are three or four things he won't do . . . unless you make him the right offer!!

***** As you already know I recently had to cancel both our TOP DOG and PETER PORKER THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-HAM comics. While these two characters were very popular with you, our loyal STAR readers, their books just weren't selling enough copies to the general public.

However I have some great news for you! I am proud to announce that you haven't seen the last of these two colorful super-stars! Because you demanded it, Top Dog will soon be appearing in the back

of every issue of our HEATHCLIFF comic. As for Peter Porker . . . well, he has already found a home in the back of every issue of MARVEL TALES (which also features the adventures of another well-known web-swinger!)

Who knows? If enough of you write in, PLANET TERRY and WALLY THE WIZARD may come back too. After all, you are the true editors of STAR COMICS, and I want to keep you happy. Just write to me, and let me know what you want.

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

Tom DeFalco, STAR
Executive Editor

CHECKLIST

- ☐ **THUNDERCATS #16** — Direct from their hit TV series, it's "Time Capsule!"
- ☐ **HEATHCLIFF ANNUAL #1** — Summer's here! [illegible] And with Heathcliff along, you'll be laughing all the way!
- ☐ **HEATHCLIFF #19** — Don't go in that haunted castle! Boo!
- ☐ **FLINTSTONE KIDS #2** — Freddy and Bar[illegible] find a long lost map that leads them on a wild trip to the "Treasure of Sierrock Madre!"
- ☐ **POOPUR #2** — Uh-oh! Is Feebus's home going to be sold out from under him?
- ☐ **SILVERHAWKS #2** — Commander Stargazer is kidnapped by MUM[illegible]AR!
- ☐ **MADBALLS #6** — Meet Madbelle, the beautiful [illegible] of a Madball!
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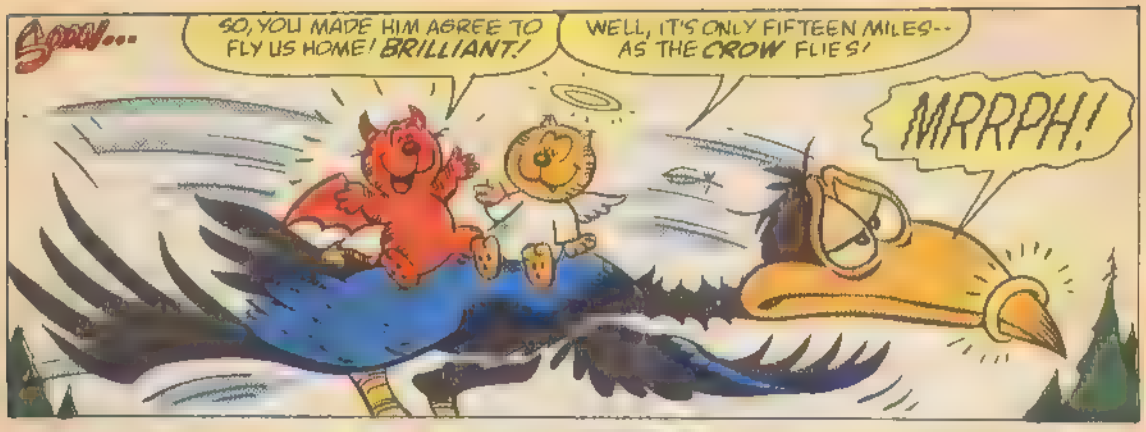
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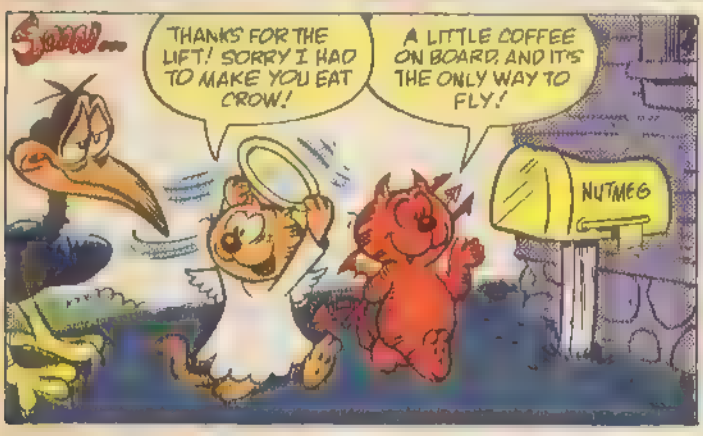
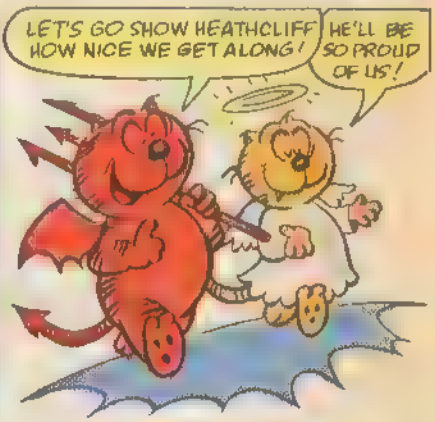
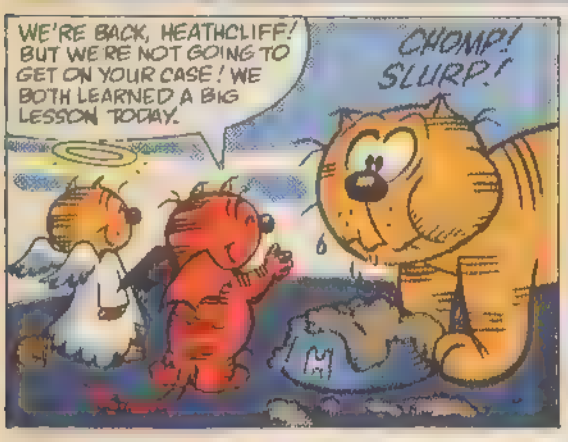
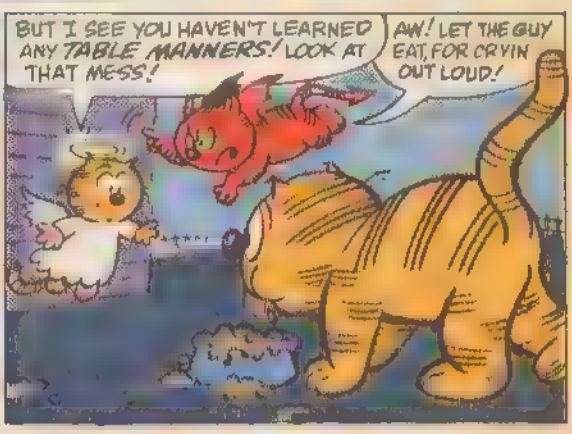
SO, YOU MADE HIM AGREE TO FLY US HOME! BRILLIANT!
WELL, IT'S ONLY FIFTEEN MILES-- AS THE CROW FLIES!
MRRPH!

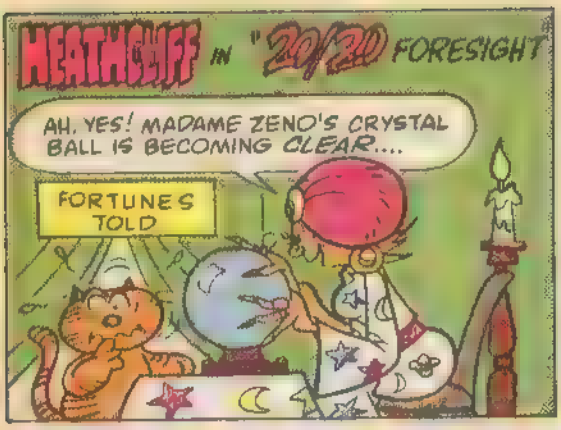

SOON...
THANKS FOR THE LIFT! SORRY I HAD TO MAKE YOU EAT CROW!
A LITTLE COFFEE ON BOARD, AND IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO FLY!
NUTMEG

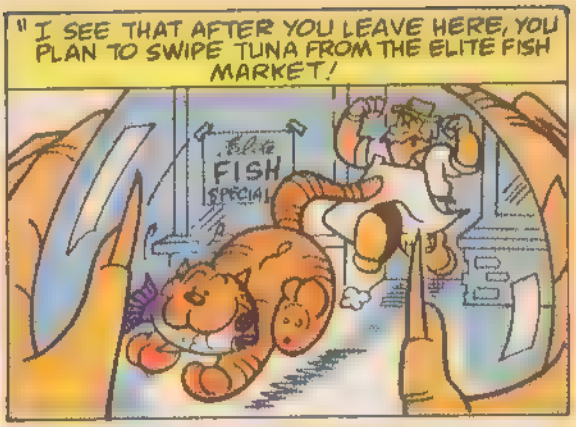

LET'S GO SHOW HEATHCLIFF HOW NICE WE GET ALONG!
HE'LL BE SO PROUD OF US!

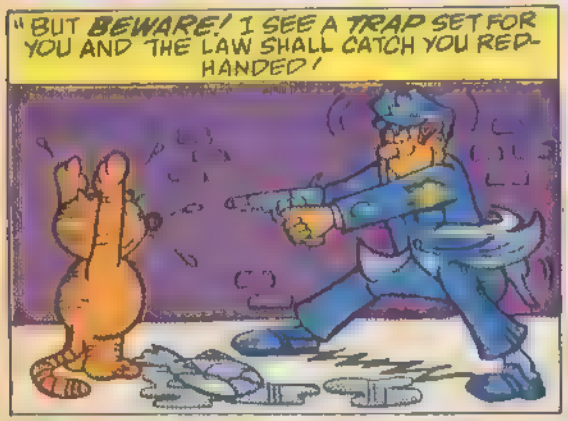

WE'RE BACK, HEATHCLIFF! BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET ON YOUR CASE! WE BOTH LEARNED A BIG LESSON TODAY.
CHOMP! SLURP!

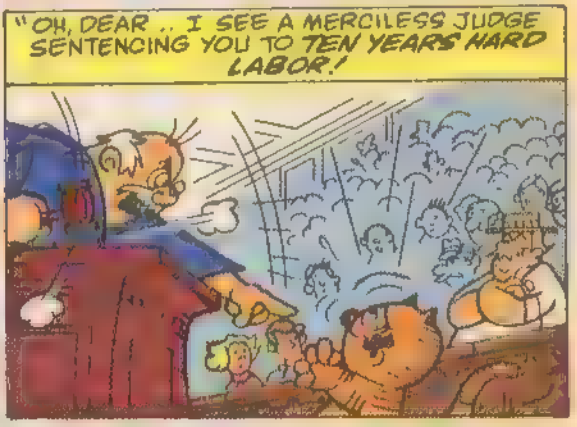

BUT I SEE YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED ANY TABLE MANNERS! LOOK AT THAT MESS!
AW! LET THE GUY EAT, FOR CRYIN OUT LOUD!

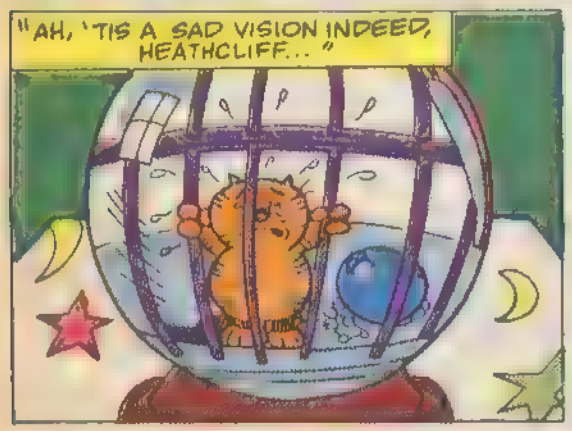
HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE WHEN I'M TRYING TO IMPROVE HIS LIFESTYLE?!!
AW! YOUR GRANMA WEARS ARMY BOOTS, YA PANTYWAIST!
The END

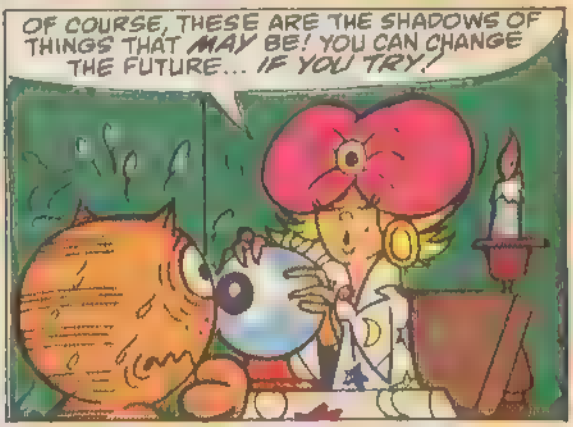

HEATHCLIFF IN "20/20 FORESIGHT
AH, YES! MADAME ZENO'S CRYSTAL BALL IS BECOMING CLEAR....
FORTUNES TOLD

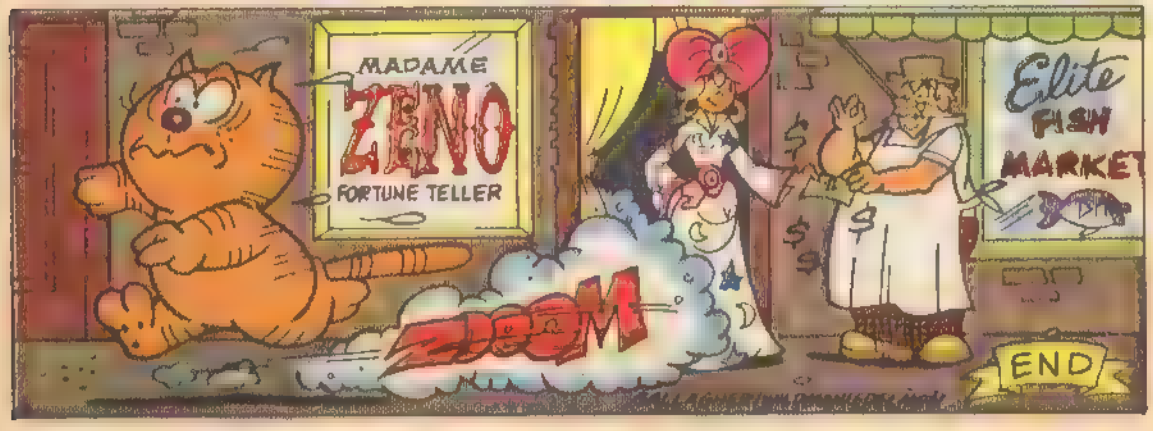

"I SEE THAT AFTER YOU LEAVE HERE, YOU PLAN TO SWIPE TUNA FROM THE ELITE FISH MARKET!
FISH SPECIAL


"BUT BEWARE! I SEE A TRAP SET FOR YOU AND THE LAW SHALL CATCH YOU RED-HANDED!


"OH, DEAR .. I SEE A MERCILESS JUDGE SENTENCING YOU TO TEN YEARS HARD LABOR!


"AH, 'TIS A SAD VISION INDEED, HEATHCLIFF... "


OF COURSE, THESE ARE THE SHADOWS OF THINGS THAT MAY BE! YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE... IF YOU TRY!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HEATHCLIFF'S LITTER BOX

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Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I really like your comic books. I am 10 years old and haved liked you since I was 8. Here is a poem I made for you

Heathcliff is a very tough cat
If you're looking for trouble,
He's where it's at.
He beats up dogs just like that
He always steals milk and fish
Kippers are almost his favorite dish
But he likes catfish the best
Because it's better than the rest
He thinks Sonja gives him zest,
She thinks he's a hunk above the rest
She used to date other men,
But then she would think of him again.
Spike is the playful mutt
Who hates him with all his guts.
Heathcliff's nail does the trick,
When he pulls it out, it looks so slick
If you see him you will find
He really is one of a kind.
When he dumps a garbage can,
It goes so far you don't know
Where it will land
For now that's all, but you'll find out
Heathcliff is one cute pal!

So far, so good, HEATHCLIFF!

Melissa Raitenne
Prosperity, PA

HEATHCLIFF and his friends were all thrilled to be the inspiration for such a wonderful poem, Melissa! Especially HEATHCLIFF himself . . . after all, he was the real cat-alyst!

Dear STAR Comics,

I just finished reading HEATHCLIFF #11 ("The Vice Mice") and I thought it was great. The writer, Michael Gallagher, was great in telling the story. I thought the pictures were great, also. My two favorite artists are Marie Severin and Warren Kremer. My favorite comics are HEATHCLIFF and MUPPET BABIES. Keep up the good work!

Grace Boullester
Umatilla, OR

You know, Grace, all the people who work on STAR Comics are superstars. There are writers, inkers, penciliers, and colorists who work very hard to make sure each issue is as fun as possible. And it's great for them to hear how much you love their work!

If you like HEATHCLIFF and MUPPET BABIES so much, maybe it's time to try some other STAR titles — like MADBALLS, CARE BEARS, FLINTSTONE KIDS, or FOOFUR! And don't forget the upcoming BULLWINKLE AND ROCKY! Try some of HEATHCLIFF's friends from the STAR *cat-alogue* and let us know what you think!

Dear HEATHCLIFF editors,

I just received HEATHCLIFF #10 ("The Haunted Lighthouse"), and it is great! I love when HEATHCLIFF has adventures! I just wish HEATHCLIFF were monthly year-round.

Naftali Cohn
Newton, MA

There are now two STAR comic books featuring HEATHCLIFF, Naftali: Look out for HEATHCLIFF and HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE — you can get one or the other every month. It's hard to get enough of a cat like HEATHCLIFF, don't you think?

Dear STAR,

I am 12 years old. I collect HEATHCLIFF and other STAR comics. I have all the issues of HEATHCLIFF so far. It's my favorite comic book. But why don't you have Heathcliff's Litter Box in every issue? Keep up the terrific work!

Denise Helman
Erie, PA

As you know, Denise, HEATHCLIFF is a brave, funny, sophisticated, worldly, and (of course) cute cat. Sometimes he gets in so much trouble it takes every available page in the issue to bail him out! When he leaves us enough room, we devote a page to letters. But even when we can't print them, we *always* like to get letters from our readers.

Dear STAR,

My favorite character is HEATHCLIFF because he's a funny, madcap, and fun cat.

My favorite Super-STAR is Sid Jacobson editor! He edits CARE BEARS, MUPPET BABIES, HEATHCLIFF, etc.

Darryl Heine
Hoffman Estates, IL

Those are great choices, Darryl, and we know how hard they must have been to make, because there are so many great STAR titles and Super-STARs to choose from!

Did you know, aside from editing STAR comics, Sid also writes books and songs? He's a very special kind of Super-STAR — always shooting for something new!

Dear STAR Comics,

I really do like your HEATHCLIFF comic. It's very funny and the artwork is great. Could you do a different comic, maybe the FLINTSTONES? Because I like them. Thanks.

Hugh Watson
Brampton, Ontario
CANADA

Keep an eye on the shelves at your local comic book dealer, Hugh. The FLINTSTONE KIDS should arrive soon! All the Flintstones will be there — Fred, Wilma, Barney, Betty, even Dino!

Dear STAR Comics,

We just love your HEATHCLIFF comics. We read just about every one. We think they're funny and the pictures are too.

Stephanie Poley
Sarah Johnson
Houston, TX

Thanks for reading HEATHCLIFF, Stephanie and Sarah. It's great that you read and like them so much! (By the way, don't forget to read library books, and the books you're assigned in school, too!)

Dear STAR,

I love and read all the HEATHCLIFF comics I get. I enjoy every STAR comic and so do my friends.

Emilie Stevenson
Logan, UT

HEATHCLIFF is such a popular cat that people read him all across the United States and even in some foreign countries, Emilie. In fact, if HEATHCLIFF had to be awake every minute that someone, somewhere, was reading his comic books, he's never have time for even a *cat-nap*, poor guy!

Dear STAR,

I have just read HEATHCLIFF #15 ("Special Live-Wire Report"). It was the first HEATHCLIFF comic I've read, but I'll be reading more!

Harvey Beatty
Millington, MD

Dear STAR Comics,

I'm 13 years old and have 6 issues of HEATHCLIFF. I love every one of them. HEATHCLIFF is my favorite comic. Is there any way I can get what's missing in my collection? Keep up the good work and make lots more HEATHCLIFF.

Rodney Barrack
Oak Grove, VA

Well, Harvey and Rodney, if you really like HEATHCLIFF a lot, and want to make sure you never miss another issue, there's a simple way to do it — just fill out the subscription form in any issue and send it to us with an appropriate check or money order. HEATHCLIFF will come right to your door, and you'll never miss an issue again!

Unfortunately, Rodney, neither STAR nor MARVEL handles back issues. You'll have to try either your local comics dealer or one of the mail order companies that do.

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I am 7 years old. You are my favorite cartoon cat. You are very funny, although you are bad. As the years go by, I will still like you!

Gillian Kinney
Pittsburgh, PA

Yes, Gillian, HEATHCLIFF is often bad. But just think: If he wasn't so naughty he wouldn't be so funny, and he never would've *cat-apsulted* into comics!

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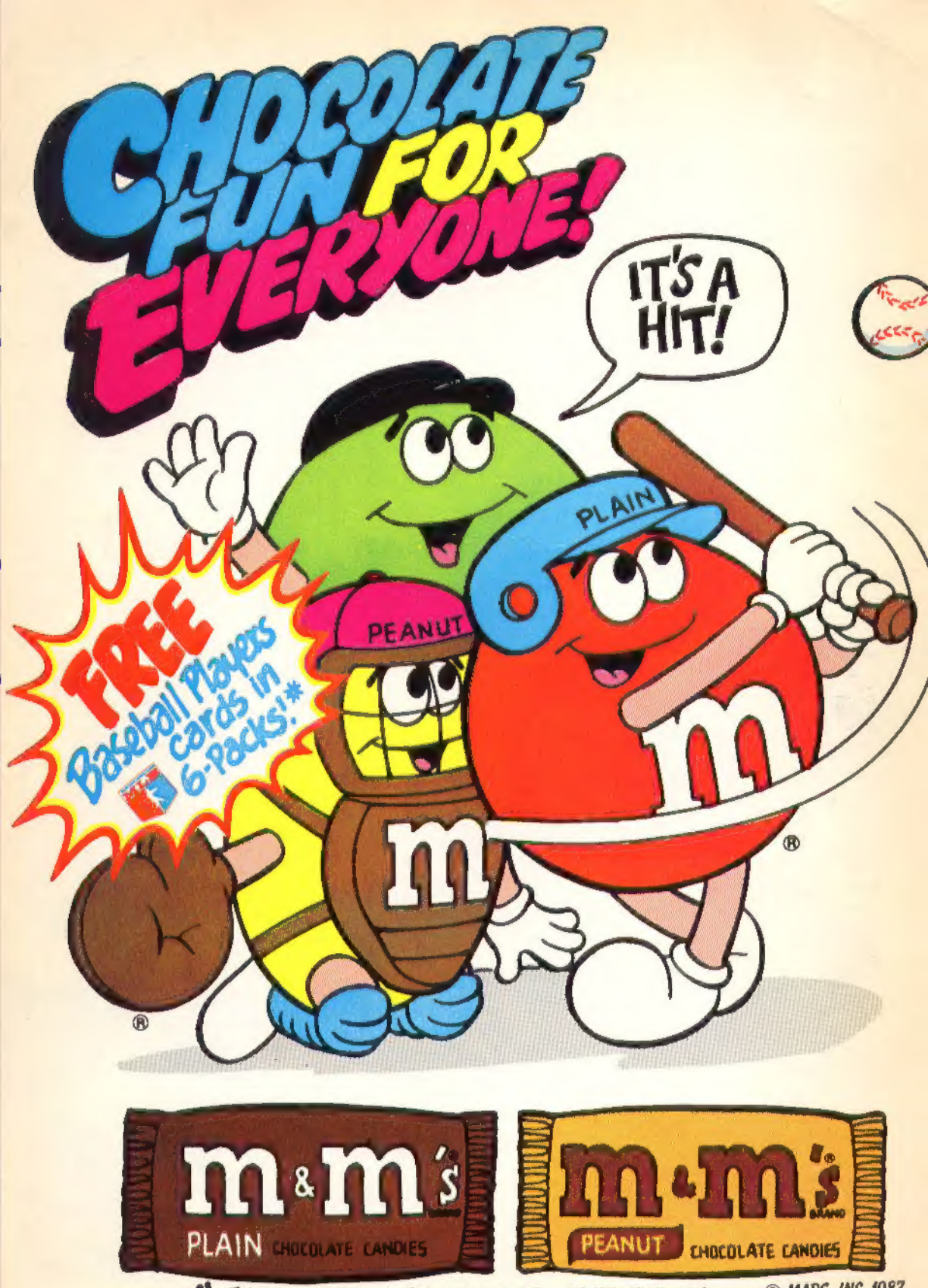
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